

City of Pinellas Park, Florida
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes October 26, 2020
7:00 pm

Chair Jeanne Kepple called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

- 1) Ms. Palmer introduced Joanne Dauphin who is interested in joining the Board.

Roll Call:

Members Present; Connie Bruce, Karen Ford, Jeanne Kepple, Thomas Nicholls, Jr., Mary Ann Smith and Barbara Van Camp.

Members Absent: Andy Cambero (unexcused), Neil Kummerer (excused), Emilia Tito (excused) and Jamie Tomlin (unexcused).

Staff Present: Keith Sabiel, Leisure Services Administrator; Matt Bale, Parks and Recreation Director and Sarah Palmer, Leisure Services Senior Staff Assistant

Guest: Joanne Dauphin

- 2) Approval of Minutes: September 28, 2020

Motion was made by Ms. Van Camp to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting with the one correction. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

- 3) New Business

Both Ms. Ford and Ms. Kepple verified that they would like to continue their term as Board Members. Their terms expire December 31, 2020.

Ms. Smith made a motion that both Ms. Ford and Ms. Kepple's terms be extended for another term. Ms. Van Camp seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously on this motion. Ms. Palmer will prepare the proper paperwork to present to City Council.

- 4) Board Agenda Items

- a) Mr. Bale presented the following update on the CIP and Park Program projects:

- The new LED parking lot light installation at the Youth Park complex has been completed. Included the Softball, Soccer and Youth Teen Center areas.
- The Davis Field football field light outages were repaired today.
- The Youth Park Hockey arena has had the Tampa Bay Lightning logo added to the center court area and the stripping is also complete. Teen Center and Aquatics Supervisor, Richard Rock will be organizing a new hockey league at the site.
- Planning for the City's new Orchid Lake Park Playground is going very well. It will be funded with CDBG Grant funds and Pinellas County Recycled Grant funds.
- Leisure Services has two consent agenda items going to City Council in November. One is for approval of CIP funding to replace the backstops at Youth Park Baseball and the second one is request for approval of funding for new fitness equipment for Sparkle Lake Park.
- Deuel & Associates has submitted three Pinebrook Park site plan proposals for the parks renovation. Keith, Matt and other City staff met with Deuel & Associates representatives on site today to discuss options.
- Pennoni Engineering has completed a Youth Park Complex conceptual drawing of the Football, running track, practice field playground and parking improvements project. The City has grant funds for the project that need to be spent in 2021.
- Duke Energy has completed needed upgrades at the City Ag Farm Property. Site planning is going well.
- Thank you to the City Public Works Department as Helen Howarth Park baseball parking lot was over laid with new asphalt and the Youth Park soccer parking lot will be re-asphalted later this week.
- Thank you to Sarah Palmer for handling pavilion and the sports fields' rentals as the City has had many requests.
- At the Equestrian Center the arched bridge and the flat bridge have been inspected and it has been determined that they cannot be repaired. Mr. Bale is getting quotes for their replacement.

b) Recreation Program Updates:

Broderick Park

- A park clean-up event took place today at Broderick Park with youth participant volunteers from the After School Program.

- An after school kickball league will be taking place on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning November 2, 2020. There is no charge to participate for youths 5 to 12 and there is already about 25 participants registered to play.
- Broderick Rec Center is planning a 2 day Halloween Party for October 29th & 30th from 4 pm to 6 pm. Activities will include haunted room, slime, cookie decorating, staff mummy wrap contest, costume contest, music, games, and crafts.
- A new K-9 nose work class began at Broderick Park on September 30th. The class is on Wednesdays from 7 to 8pm. The class runs 5 weeks and is \$150.00.
- Sit down and stay dog training will begin at Broderick on October 24th. 9 am to 10 am. There is 6 classes planned for \$100.00.
- Zumba with Becky Hancock will be starting on October 24th. The class is 9 am to 10 am with a \$5.00 per class fee.
- Broderick Park staff will be assisting at the City drive-thru Halloween event on Saturday October 31st. Broderick Park began normal operating hours today. Hours are Mon. thru Thur. 6:30 am to 9:15 pm, Fri. 6:30 am to 7:00 pm, Sat 8:00 am to 12:15 pm. Sunday closed.

Forbes Recreation

- Ron Forbes Center has 134 kids currently enrolled in the after school program. They have a waiting list going.
- The Family Campout is November 13th & 14th. Staff will be serving hotdogs, hamburgers, beans, and making s'mores. They will be showing an evening movie and serving breakfast in the morning. This will be at Helen Howarth Park.
- The sound system in the multi-purpose room is working great. It has been jamming during Cardio Drumming classes and they are planning to introduce some youth, senior, and family movie programs soon.
- Rentals have increased as Forbes has rentals scheduled through January.
- Youth basketball registration starts November 1st. League play will start at the end of January. November registrations get \$10 off. December registrations get \$5 off. Parents that volunteer to coach can get half off their children's registration fee.
- The Holiday Hayride is happening on December 10th with some changes. Registration starts November 1st all activities will be held outside on the racquetball courts and on the new synthetic turf grass area. There will be

games, a movie and the hayride will be reduced to 15 to 18 people per trailer for social distancing measures.

- Breakfast with Santa will be held at the PWOC on December 12th. Registration starts November 1st. Social distancing measures will be in place.

Senior Center

- The Senior Center had a small shuffle board tournament on October 21st. regular scheduled open shuffle is slowly regaining players.
- The Senior Center is advertising for a senior softball league. Games will be played at the Ronald Forbes Center. Days and times to be determined.
- Starting in November the Senior Center will be having movie Mondays again. Social distancing will be in place.
- Senior Center news letters have been delivered to Mainland's and the Golden Gates communities.

Skyview Pool

- Congratulations to Cassandra Valle Recreation and Aquatics Coordinator. Cassie recently earned her CPRP designation. Certified Park and Recreation Professional.
- Senior night for Hollins and Pinellas Park high schools will be Friday October 30th. The plan is to limit attendance to the event.
- Pupapalooza will be Saturday November 7th from noon to 3pm.
- Working on hosting a Lifeguard Instructor Course.

Youth Park

- Thank you to the TeenWorkX group. They had a park cleanup event on October 10. The group picked up nearly 100 lbs. of trash.
- TeenWorkX has volunteered twice at the Freedom Lake Park Community Gardens. They have been helping perform maintenance activities to garden boxes. Tasks have included adding potting mix soils, installing new plastic liner and weeding.
- The TeenWorkX groups newly elected President, Vice President and Secretary will be attending the October 22nd City Council meeting. The TeenWorkX President will be talking briefly about the group.
- The Teen center staff is planning for lots of fun Halloween week activities at the Youth Park Teen Center.

Equestrian

Nothing was reported this month.

5) Open Discussion

Mr. Sabiel shared information about the proposed project at Pinebrook Park. Because people are parking on the skirt of the road which is very dangerous. Leisure Services is recommending that the eight parking spaces that are currently there be relocated to where the Tennis Court is currently and be increased to 32 spots. This will move the parking to the middle of the Park and make it more accessible for people to go to either the playground, pavilions or basketball courts.

Mr. Sabiel shared information about the Halloween Treat Trail that is happening through Helen Howarth and into the Forbes Recreation Center parking lot on October 31st. They will be giving out 2,000 pumpkin buckets filled with candy.

Mr. Sabiel also shared that the Senior Center is trying generate interest in forming a 35 plus baseball league. Linda Keen at the Senior Center is heading up this effort to start in the fall.

Mr. Sabiel also shared that the Senior Center had a shuffleboard tournament. The entry fee was candy for the Halloween Treat Trail.

Ms. Palmer has given everyone a copy of the proposed Meeting Schedule for 2021 for review and/or discussion.

Ms. Dolphin was asked if she would like to join the Board after she has seen how we conduct our meeting. She indicated that she would.

Ms. Van Camp made a motion that the proper paperwork be submitted to Council for the appointment of Ms. Dolphin to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

The Board voted unanimously to recommend Ms. Dolphin for appointment to the Board.

6) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Ford. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Take Aways:

- Ms. Palmer will prepared the proper documentation to present to Council for the reappointment of Ms. Ford and Ms. Kepple.
- Ms. Palmer will prepared the proper documentation to present to Council for the appointment of Ms. Dolphin to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a two year term.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Bale
Parks and Recreation Director

Jeanne Kepple
Chair