

**FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of March 21, 2019**

The March meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center.

Commissioners Present: Mr. David Dorsey, Dr. Tim Duffy, Mr. Cameron John, Mr. Brandon McVade, Mrs. Sharon Null, Mrs. Sue Sargeant Absent: Mr. James Bailey, Dr. John Russ, Dr. Marcus Tepaske
Also in attendance: Director Jane Shelhorse, Mr. Doug Fawcett, Mrs. Janice Lasker

- I. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of February 27, 2019 were approved.

- II. **Opportunity for Public Comment** – none

- III. **Communications from Director:**
 - A. **Financial Report** – Director Shelhorse shared the financial reports through February 2019. She explained that program revenue is down due to the NYC trip having been cancelled, cancellation of some of the Department’s programs, and rental revenue no longer being tracked as leisure income. Director Shelhorse noted that expenditures are down.
 - B. **Leisure Report** – The Department is prepping for the pool season. Sufficient staffing of lifeguards will continue to be a problem. Commissioner Dorsey suggested looking for “senior” lifeguards to supplement our needs and to offer a lifeguard training class for interested people.
 - C. **Special Events** – The Fine Art Show and Sale was a success.
 - D. **Sports and Parks** – Baseball registration ends Friday. Soccer and field hockey games begin this weekend, but due to the fields being soaked, we may have to cancel. The gate at Motts Reservoir has been moved back and more parking is available at the entrance to accommodate the crowds when the park is not opened.

IV. Noteworthy Dates – Director Shelhorse reviewed upcoming dates. Motts is scheduled to open April 1 as long as the water level stays down. Summer camp registration went well with 85 City families registering in the first hour and a half. Camp and pool schedules have been adjusted due to the earlier opening of schools.

V. Old Business:


- A. Rock the Red** – We are meeting with the contractor next week to negotiate some of the costs so it better meets our budget. We have three companies who want to donate through the Fredanthropists. Commissioner Dorsey suggested having special T-shirts or hats earmarked with a vendor for groups to order when attending games at the rink.
- B. Riverfront Park** – Revised plans are due April 12. Plans will go to the Architectural Review Board and the Technical Review Committee by the end of April before going out for bids.
- C. Strategic Plan for Parks** – Director Shelhorse shared that we have two excellent bids, and the Committee is hoping to award a contract in April. Timeline for completion is six to eight months.
- D. City Branding Project** – no update
- E. Director’s Fund** – no update
- F. Memorial Park Restrooms** – Mike Ward is reviewing the invitation for bid, and we are hoping to have the restrooms complete by late August.

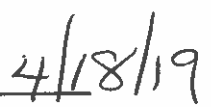
VI. New Business – none

VII. Directors/Commission Concerns and Topics – Director Shelhorse shared a newspaper article on the canal clean up from March 20. Employees and volunteers picked up almost 1000 lbs of trash in and along the canal. Director Shelhorse noted that Blake Showers, one of our part time employees, who is a student at UMW majoring in Spanish, designed a soccer training sheet for coaches to use for their Spanish speaking players. The sheet shows the field, the positions, general terminology and other helpful information that will benefit both coaches and players. Commissioner Duffy mentioned that the new City website is up and encouraged everyone to explore it. Commissioner

Null was asked by a "concerned citizen" to have the Department look into a Gaga pit as one of our new programs. The sport is a kinder, gentler version of dodgeball and is played in an octagonal pit. Mr. Fawcett stated that due to the Dillon rule, the City is not allowed to ban smoking in our parks. We could possibly enforce 'No Littering'. Commissioner Sargeant mentioned a sign that could be used that simply suggests people not smoke. She will forward the sign on to Director Shelhorse. Commissioner Dorsey mentioned that a possible way to raise money would be to rent space/racks at Motts Reservoir to people for storing their canoes or kayaks. He mentioned the possibility of starting a rowing club at Motts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.


Jane C. Shelhorse
Director


Date

Next Meeting Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Dorothy Hart Community Center