

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Bloom
Jennifer Grogan
Charles Hammersley
Jim Stratton
Thomas Ziegler

STAFF PRESENT

Kathy Drummond
Betsy Emery
Rebecca Sayers
Steve Zimmerman

OTHERS PRESENT

John Grahame

MEMBERS ABSENT

Adam Kaupisch

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Grogan called the meeting of July 19, 2017 to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Chair Grogan, Co-Chair Bloom and Commissioners Hammersley, Stratton and Ziegler were present for roll call. Commissioner Kaupisch was absent.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2017 MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Ziegler to approve the June 21, 2017 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammersley. Motion passed unanimously with 5 yeas votes.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

John Grahame, 705 Choctaw Trail, reported that the summer pickle ball season is busy in Flagstaff with multiple sessions being offered at Continental Country Club, the Flagstaff Athletic Club eastside, and the Aquaplex. In his personal opinion laying lines for pickle ball use on the Cheshire Park tennis courts isn't a good idea because the lines are very different and would be confusing to both tennis and pickle ball players. The pickle ball and tennis groups are meeting together in the next week to identify each of their needs for future facilities and will present to the Commission at a future meeting.

Charles Hammersley, 203 Dunnam St., invited Commissioners to attend the Flagstaff Open Space, Parks and Recreation (FOSPR) Community Sports Summit on Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Flagstaff Aquaplex, 1702 N. Fourth Street.

5. **DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS**

A. **Parks and Recreation unfunded list and priorities.** Commissioners and staff reviewed the previous list with the intent of prioritizing the capital improvements projects previously identified. The updated list is as follows:

First priorities (in priority order):

1. Lake Mary Park - land acquisition and development (including snow play, girls' softball)
2. West Side Neighborhood Park land acquisition and development (private land acquisition)
3. Christensen Park - land acquisition and development (including pickle ball, sport fields, girls' softball)
4. Continental Regional Park Improvements – develop land the City owns (including fields, special event venue)
5. Thorpe Park annex (current Public Works yard repurpose)
6. Cheshire Park development (including pickle ball, passive snow play)

DISCUSSION/STANDING ITEMS (Cont'd.)

Include in developments above where possible:

- Pickle ball facility - larger facility of 8-12 courts
- Splash pad - incorporate into a new park development
- Tennis facility - 4 indoor courts (Cheshire, Christensen, or Lake Mary Park location)

Secondary priorities:

- Buffalo Park improvements (develop the parking lot)
- Competitive Lap Pool (is this still needed?)
- Second sheet of ice (NAU building rink and NAU Hockey potentially moving there)
- Wheeler Park redevelopment

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE AUGUST 16, 2017 MEETING - No discussion

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.