

Minutes
City of Key Colony Beach
Recreation Committee Meeting
February 21, 2020 @ 10:30 A.M. - Marble Hall

Call to Order, Roll Call:

The meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order at 11:06 A.M. Present were: Chairperson Ted Fischer, Tom Alferes, Anita Alferes, Bill Fox and Richard Pflueger. Excused: Mike Alexander & Sally Flagg. Also present: Assistant City Clerk Michelle Farr.

A. 2018 – 2019 Budget Discussion:

1. Tennis – Sally Flagg reported that the courts need 4 new squeegees, rollers and a new broom. Chairperson Fischer estimated a required budget of \$200 and will confirm the cost of the requested items. As a side report Sally Flagg noted that the tennis group would like to remove the pickleball net from tennis courts from January 1st through April 1st on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There was no opposition as the net is removable. It also was decided that a storage bin should also be purchased to store donated rackets to be available for visitors. There does need to be consideration for resurfacing the west tennis court in 2-3 years which has a projected cost of \$10,000.
2. Bocce Ball: The written request submitted by Bill Fox was presented by Chairperson Fischer requesting \$180 to have a professional spray to kill grass growing on courts, \$120 for rock salt for courts, and \$1800 to replace 4 missing benches. Ted Fischer reported that the white benches can be purchased at a much reduced price compared to the memorial benches that Bill Fox has priced. He will confer with Bill Fox to get his opinion on the white benches.
3. Pickleball: Ted Fischer recommended \$400 for new pickle balls, \$100 for windscreen ties, and \$1000 for new windscreens which cost approximately \$50 per linear foot for a total budget of \$1500.
4. Shuffleboard: No requests.
5. Basketball: There are currently no basketballs provided. It was decided to budget for 2 basketballs and an outdoor Tough Storage Tote to store them.

B. Limitations on use of certain city park properties:

Richard Pflueger reported that there are signs in the parks stating per ordinance 2018-456 parks are open from 6:00 am until 10:00 pm unless otherwise posted. Eastside park, waterfront park, gazebo park are not otherwise posted but sunset park is posted that it is closed at sunset which is described as when the trailing edge of the sun goes below the horizon as well as tennis and pickleball courts are posted the same. The number one trip advisor thing to do in Key Colony Beach is to watch the sun set at sunset park but people who stay to sing the Marathon Song after the sun sets are officially breaking the law. His recommendation was to keep the park open until 9:00. Mike Alexander stated that he likes to stay for at least a half hour after the sun sets as the afterglow provides the best viewing and suggested the earliest closure should be one hour after sun down. After some discussion among the committee, it was agreed that the best recommendation to put before the committee would be to extend closure of sunset park to 1 hour after sunset. Ted Fischer asked for recommendations for the tennis/pickleball courts closure time. There was discussion and agreement that it is too hot to play during the day in the summer and the courts should be open until 9:00 p.m.

Motion: Made by Mike Alexander and seconded by Ted Fischer to make a recommendation to the commission to allow sunset park to stay open until one hour after sunset and for the pickleball and tennis courts to remain open until 9:00 pm.

Vote: Unanimously approved

C. Providing public use access for boats, kayaks, etc. in KCB limits:

Richard Pflueger stated that as a fishing and boating community there should be public access for launching kayaks, boats etc. and suggested identifying potential places whether existing commercial or public property that could be considered for public access for launching and retrieving vessels. Questions were raised regarding the condition of the 7th St. boat ramp and the boat ramp on Sadowski Causeway that is privately owned. Tom Alferes suggested that the Fishing and Boating Club might be willing to contribute toward repairs. Mike Alexander stated that there would be other issues such as liability and management of such a ramp. Also, if the 7th St. ramp was operational there could be staging issues with traffic. Sally Flagg said that when the ramp used to be open there were complaints from 7th St. residents of trailers being parked along the street. Mike Alexander stated that he would like more history on why the ramp was closed and not repaired. There was discussion that the weekly rentals during the summer could provide traffic jams on Saturday's when they are checking in/out. Richard Pflueger suggested the Causeway ramp might be a better option. Richard agreed to look up the owner of the Causeway to get more information regarding that ramp. It was agreed that the committee would research the possibilities more and revisit the idea at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: To be determined

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Farr
Assistant City Clerk