

Goose Creek Recreation Commission Meeting

March 4th, 2024

6:00PM

Present:

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Anthony Radcliffe, Jeff Reuer, Harris Houston, Lynn Greer, Ryan Agostinelli (pending)
- Staff: Arielle Mann, Crystal Reed
- Public: N/A
- Observer: Gayla McSwain

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Jerry Glass.

General Public comments: N/A

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5th, 2024 meeting.
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
 - Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Greer
- Discussion: N/A

Financial Reports:

- Discussion: Nothing right now is surprising. Everything has gone in for Spring, lined up for Summer. No surprises in the budget. Summer Camp registration started today. Almost a quarter of the way in the year. A little over in revenue. Entering special events season. BBQ & Brews this season, started planning and spending those events. Numbers look good for spring; all revenue is what we predicted in the budget.
- Chairman Glass requested a motion to approve the financial report for February 2024
 - Motion was granted by Commissioner Jeff Reuer
 - Seconded by Commissioner Lynn Greer
 - All in favor, motion carried.

Commission member report: Update on Milton Terre, member not in attendance. Mr. Terre is in the VA hospital due to fluid issues. They are making progress, and he is alert.

Recreation Director's Report – Crystal Reed:

- Spring season is here. We are busy.
- Just wrapped up basketball. Always looking for feedback and ways to improve.
- Last week we started Spring Sports. We're at Felkel Field & Foster Creek. Added additional field: Carolyn Lewis. Working on ribbon cutting ceremony. We will start using the field March 22nd/March 23rd. Partnership with Berkeley County and working with Carolyn Lewis school. 3 full

sized Soccer Fields. Lights can be turned on and off via cell phone. New technology, cameras out there as well. First game will be March 23rd.

- This season only, games on Monday night at Foster Creek, Carolyn Lewis on Wednesday, and Saturdays. This will give Foster Creek a break between games to work on the field surface. Working with a contractor to lift Field 3. Unable to use that field when it rains.
- Adding more fields for winter sports – Flag Football, and adult sports.
- Special Events: This weekend – BBQ & Brews 3:00 -6:00 at the Green Barn.
- March 23rd is our Easter Egg Hunt (Age 8 & under) at Dogwood & Opening Day at Felkel Field.
- Geese around town. A lot of talk online. Local artists work on these Geese. The Geese are adopted by businesses and those businesses cover the cost. We've heard positive feedback from the businesses. Help advocate for the Geese and the Cultural Arts Commission. We have 25 now, and 3 more. Conversation about the Geese: In the City vs. not in the City. Exceptions: Goose Creek High School, and other exceptions made outside of the general rule of in the City. Currently not approved for residential.
- Chairman Glass questioned: do we have staff who can respond to interactions online. We do have 2 marketing specialists who work for City Hall and Recreation who run the accounts and respond to these interactions.
- We use these interactions to help track questions for the next season, etc.
- Biggest question right now: "I haven't heard from my coach" working to respond to public.
- Presented the Geese and communications to Municipal Association of South Carolina and we won! We won last year for Central Creek Park and this year for the Geese. Next idea: Amphitheater.
- November: Talked about the Disc Golf Course. The association has been out there every weekend. The goals are out, cleared the trees. We will announce and do a weekend event for Disc Golf opening. The gate will be unlocked as a trial period to allow the public to come play.
- Commissioner Lynn Greer: questioned camera options. That has been a discussion.
- Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe: questioned Skate Park options again. Can we get it under \$25,000. The discussion will be presented in the June 2025 budget meeting. It looks like around \$40,0000 projected.
- Mr. Will has completed our Custodial Team. Complete with new hire starting next week.
- Hired Program Coordinator Kelly – former Marketing & Special Events Manager at Town of Summerville.
- Hired Special Event Coordinator – came from Recreation in Chicago.
- Hired Arts & Entertainment Coordinator – now sitting on the Art Commission, working Amphitheatre, Creek Collective and potentially Farmer's Market at CCP.
- Just hired Athletics Specialist – lasted a week and then resigned. He was from the Town of Mt. Pleasant. He did not want to work nights and weekends. A lot of full time is daytime admin, part time is night staff. Here we operate differently, our people are here.
- Understanding the needs of community gives us opportunities to meet the needs of the community.
- Athletics Specialist job is posted again. They will learn what we do and expand with the primary role of overseeing adult sports.

- Chairman Glass: questioned about the RC Boat options. We want to add more events at the pond and the amphitheater.
- Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe questioned: If you just show up with a boat, what would happen? We don't think anything would happen or that no one would stop you. Potential for boat racing.
- Chairman Glass: Any place on an open field for piloting drones? We need to look at the rules of running them in public spaces.
- Pending Commission Member Ryan Agostinelli noted: he was happy to see the note about upcoming projects with renovating Pump Room for Pool. Got \$75,000 in the budget to address issues with the pool. Starting blocks are also being replaced.
- Commissioner Lynn Greer questioned: Sign in front of the Chapel. Video went out last week. The city purchased it to turn it into a place for arts. When we looked at the foundation, there was so much damage it would cost more to renovate vs. build new. It is posted for the public able to put it a bid in for purchase. The City will use funds responsibly to build the space new. Art Gallery, Art programs classes, Artist guild and commission meetings, upscale event space.
- Pending Commission Member Ryan Agostinelli questioned: Update on golf course and their construction.
- Pending Commission Member Ryan Agostinelli questioned: Spring Concert Series at the Golf Course vs. Central Creek Park. It will be brought back to the Golf Course.
- Working on event space on the other side of City Hall.
- Working with the Community in the parks and spaces. Foster Creek partnership with Goose Creek Elementary – movie in Spanish with English subtitles for that part of the Community. Trying to program in areas outside of our general parks. Boat Landing at Foster Creek Park on the wish list.
- Pending Commission Member Ryan Agostinelli questioned: he was here for family member's basketball games. He said nobody felt comfortable enough to handle the situation. We discussed it after the commission meeting. Everyone here is CPR certified. Right now, we don't do "stop the bleed". We call 911 for someone else to handle it. If it's not a dire situation that isn't life threatening, call in the professionals. It's always been our process, and we would rather call 911 than place that responsibility on our part time recreation staff. The preference is to have a first responder respond. There should be an immediate response and it will be addressed for better communication. Going through checklist with all involved. There is documentation on every injury. The referee is expected to control the game, get the coach involved, recognize part time staff is there to watch and respond to step in when needed.
- This morning, we had a safety meeting with the city. Human Resources is working hard to recognize these areas we need to work on with safety. HR is placing efforts by police and Human Resource department.

Public Comments:

No closing public comments.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Glass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.
- The motion was granted by Commissioner Harris Houston

- The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Radcliffe
- All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 6:00PM

Minutes approved for March 4th, 2024