

**FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of July 19, 2018**

The July meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

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

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of June 21, 2018 were unanimously approved with corrections.

- II. **Public Comment – none**

- III. **Communications from Director:**
 - A. **Financial Report –** Due to the recent windstorm and flooding of the parks, we do not have an accurate report prepared. It will be presented in August when we have a clearer picture of our expenses.
 - B. **Leisure Report –** Camp Spirit is a new camp available to children with intellectual disabilities and/or on the autism spectrum. Although it was a late addition to our camp offerings, it has been extremely popular.
 - C. **Special Events-** We had a good response to the community surveys regarding the strategic plan for special events. Results of the surveys are pending.
 - D. **Sports and Parks-** Director Shelhorse asked the commissioners to keep an eye on the mutt mitts in our parks and trails now that the Department has taken on that program from the Clean and Green Commission.
 - E. Director Shelhorse shared a letter of commendation regarding Don Minor, who has been at Mott’s Reservoir for over 20 years.

IV. Noteworthy Dates – Director Shelhorse reviewed upcoming dates and events.

V. Old Business –

A. Hurkamp Park Restrooms – The restrooms are open.

B. Foundation for Parks –Nothing to report; however, there will be a start-up donation made by September.

C. Rock the Red – Plans and designs are in progress and have been submitted to the Planning Department. Due to the lengthy review process, we will probably not meet the mid-October deadline for getting the coating put on the playing surface, so that may have to wait until Spring.

D. The tennis practice wall at Memorial Park was painted today; the hoop has been installed. Tennis and pickleball net lines will be painted on the wall. Commissioner Null noted that the rules signs have been removed from the tennis courts. Director Shelhorse will find out what happened to the signs.

VI. New Business:

A. Summer Meeting – We will meet on August 16 at 6:30pm.

B. Old Mill Park – We incurred about \$90K in damage to the park during the recent flooding. The restroom repair is around \$45K and involves relocating the heat pump to the roof of the building, hanging the light fixtures from chains to allow for easy removal when necessary, painting the building and repairing the floors. If we reach 50% of the assessed \$119K value of the building in cumulative repairs, then we will need to bring the building into FEMA compliance.

The popularity of the park has grown significantly this year, and with the closing of Falmouth Beach for the remainder of the season, OMP is often over capacity on the weekends. Since we have nowhere near enough parking spaces, we will limit the number of people allowed to rent shelters for the remainder of the season. We are considering charging non-city residents for parking or for admission to cover the cost of the additional staff, extra trash pickups and extra restroom facilities needed to accommodate the additional numbers.

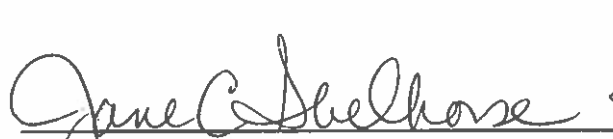
C. We will have elections for officers at our August meeting. Brandon McVade and David Dorsey are both willing to renew their terms of office.

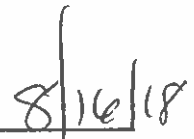
VII. Directors/Commission Concerns and Topics – Commissioner Null expressed concerns about safety and the lack of lighting at Dixon Park at night.

Commissioner Duffy noted that concerns over the costs of Riverfront Park are gaining momentum. City Council is holding a special meeting to discuss those concerns. Director Shelhorse noted that with the recent park flooding, the Department's priorities for Riverfront Park have been reevaluated. The Department's main focus is to have a site to hold special events with electric and staging that can withstand extreme weather conditions.

Commissioner McVade shared that \$13k has been raised to date through his non-profit for the "Rock the Red" hockey rink project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.


Jane C. Shelhorse
Director


Date

Next Meeting August 16, 2018 6:30pm at the Dorothy Hart Community Center