

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

February 13, 2018

5:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stanton called to order the Parks and Recreation Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:12 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 620 E. Main Street, Haines City, FL.

Board Members in attendance were: Joshua Hicks, Chair Daniel Stanton, David Graham, and Linda Kuchta.

Absent: Ben Krezminski and Tyhron Crawford.

Staff in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Terrell Griffin, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Jones, Parks and Recreation Supervisor tom Mallerne, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Jillian Latimer, and Deputy City Clerk Erica Anderson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1.16.18

Board Member Kuchta motioned to approve the minutes from the 1.16.18 meeting. Board Member Graham seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Chair Stanton talked about board member attendance and a reasonable amount of meetings a member could miss before being excused. He went on to suggest having the City Commission appoint a new member to replace board member Tyhron Crawford. [Board Member Crawford has not attended any meetings with the board]. He requested, out of courtesy, board members send and e-mail if they will not be in attendance.

Board Member Graham motioned to have the City Commission appoint a new member to the Parks and Recreation Board to replace Board Member Tyhron Crawford. Board Member Kuchta seconded the motion, all were in favor.

The board came to a consensus that (3) three or more unexcused absence's shall result in a forfeiture of a members seat.

Board Member Hicks introduced himself, along with relevant experience to the board.

4. SWIM TEAM

Director Griffin presented on a swim team coming to Haines City.

Jim Grazier of 4510 Riviera Dr. Winter Haven, FL spoke to the board concerning their club swim team becoming a club/charter member of USA swimming team with their coaching staff and the use of Lake Eva Pool. He went on to talk about their previous accomplishments, their culture and vision for the future to include an outreach program.

Coach Travis read the mission statement of the organization.

Board Member Hicks talked about the benefits of having a USA governing body being an asset to the city.

Board Member Graham concurred.

Mr. Grazier informed the board of the requirements of being a part of USA swim and their qualifications. He went on to say, in order to be a part of this governing body they must have a pool and a team, he said, they can not have a team without a pool.

After a review of the proposal Chair Stanton inquired about the definition of "coach owned" and the specified times for practice conflicting with resident use. Also, he inquired about the monies coming in from the program and the expenditures from the request for the city to purchase a heater for the pool. Mr. Grazier stated that, "coach owned" meant that they are not a 501c3 but a LLC, for profit team. Mr Grazier also stated that he would like to raise money for the heaters for the pool which would be a benefit to the city as well.

Board Member Kuchta made a motion to the approve the swim team proposal to the City Commission. Board Member Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. BUDGET AND ACCREDITATION - REVIEW

Deputy Director Jones presented on the budget and accreditation overview to the board.

The board discussed the accreditation process and the length of time needed to apply for accreditation. It was concluded that the masterplan was of more urgency than accreditation at this time.

Further discussion ensued concerning the masterplan for the city and past setbacks for approval of the plan.

6. BOARD DISCUSSION

Chair Stanton inquired whether we should consider surveying residents

The next board meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Without any further discussion the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

BY: _____

ATTEST:

Linda Bourgeois
City Clerk