

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 3, 2023
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
1st committee meeting

Committee Members present: Frank Allgood (Chair), Taft Matney, and Michael Reynolds
Others present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: May 1, 2023

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

i. Budget Review

Youth sports are wrapping up. Football starts at the end of July. The numbers are down in football.

The Sports Center is fully staffed. Applications for the Senior Center Administrator position will be received.

Councilman Matney asked Mr. Cumalander if he knew why the sign-up numbers for football are going down. Mr. Cumalander said part of it is Covid, part of it could be the bad press about head injuries, and the Recreation Department offers more sports now than it used to.

Chairman Allgood asked if the Senior Center would have to cancel any of its programs. Mr. Cumalander answered no.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

- a. Discussion on Cultural Center Park Designation- The playground and shelter at the Cultural Center is not currently designated a park. The City ordinance has a list of rules for parks, and this area has not previously been designated a park because of the no alcohol in parks provision. The City allows alcohol in certain areas at its outside festivals, which are held on the cultural center grounds, but does not allow it in parks.

Councilman Matney said it is not quite as simple as changing one line in the park rules to allow alcohol at City sponsored events. The facility is also rented out for private events that could include the amphitheater and cultural center grounds where alcohol would also be allowed.

Staff will work on some language and a map and bring it back to committee for discussion.

- b. Discussion on Naming of Bridge over 385- The pedestrian bridge does not have a name. When Sunset Park was built, the community was involved in choosing a name. Staff is asking committee if they would like the naming of the bridge to be done in a similar process. Staff could solicit names from the community and council members and bring 3-5 choices to committee.

Councilman Matney said he would like to see a plan with what the selection process would look like and what the steps would be. Staff will bring something back to committee on this item.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk