

## MINUTES

### *Recreation Advisory Board/Tree Board/Little League Board Department of Parks and Recreation*

The Recreation Advisory Board /Tree City USA Board/Little League Board met in a scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 6th, 2025, at 12:05 pm.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Bob Miller, Mary Scudder, Linda Long, Johnny Coffman, Ron Starr, Moises Contreras and Larry Rhodes

Upon roll call the following members were absent: None

The following guests and staff members were present:

Matt Siniard, Derek Phillips, Reya Joseph, and Shellie Stephens

Guest: Tyler Meroney

The following decisions were made and ordered a part of the records of the Recreation Advisory Board/Tree City USA Board/ Little League Board.

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*12:10pm-* Minutes for meetings held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we're given to board, and we're reviewed with no changes suggested.

Motion made by Moises Contreras, seconded by Bob Miller, to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried.

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## NEW BUSINESS

### *Review Strategic Summit Slideshow Presentation- 12:15pm*

Matt Siniard explained the meetings being moved because of snow/sickness and would like to have presented his summit presentation to the board before, but this will be a review. The presentation was shown to the board. Showing programs ebbs & flows along with sports and dances highest attendance. Johnny Coffman asked if dance was profitable. Matt explained dance was profitable, but profit is minimal due to school rental fees. Matt Siniard discussed recreation center proposals, turf fields at Regional and Ingleside pool and enlargement. Discussion was made about absent City Council members from Strategic Summit except for Duggan & Curtis, they received it well, but there were only two of five members present.

### *Community/Recreation Center Update- 12:40pm*

Discussion about what the back of Conference Center was supposed to be and that it was never finished. Johnny Coffman said we should not worry about what hasn't happened and look forward and suggested applying for grants. Contreras made comments about how we should think about how the government could help us because you must spend money on their facilities to make it in the

future. Johnny Rhodes discussed that the council is looking for a 100% grant and those do not exist. There will need to be some money put up front if they want to bring in revenue.

Review of Insurance costs for external locations- 12:50 pm

Matt Siniard gave insurance quotes from Athens Insurance about what it would cost to have school or church gyms used for basketball leagues.

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REPORTS

No reports.

*Tyler Meroney (Guest)*- State Arborist visited and discussed with the board about engaging the community/public with knowledge about problematic trees in the area. Possibly arranging volunteers to do mulching and watering in the parks.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.