

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Sandy Trammell	Matthew Sweetser	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Nikki Johnson	Leslie Schmidt	Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Daniell Piper		Ryan Reed Dep. Recreation Director
Lisa Mason		Michael Baird Parks & Rec Supervisor

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

➤ **August 23, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 meeting was made by Committee member Mason, with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

Motion to change the Order of the Day on the agenda to move item with Committee member Johnson providing the second for the following:

- Committee member Johnson wants to discuss a memorial for Dot Jones
- Committee member Piper wants to discuss Master Gardner
- Chairwoman Trammell wants to add Ball Park discussion under Old Business and add Recreation Master Plan discussion under Old Business

The motion passed 5-0.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

➤ **Park Inspections**

Chairwoman Trammell asked Mr. Reed if he would provide sample park inspection sheets at their next meeting. He agreed and informed the members that the past inspections that they have turned in have been great, adding that the more details they can provide the better for staff to locate and make the necessary repairs.

For the Harborview Park, Chairwoman Trammell asked if staff thought it would be ideal to shut the park down until all the necessary renovations have been completed.

Mrs. Firth explained that staff did have it closed while the structural inspections were being conducted, and no issues were found, and everything was pressure washed.

➤ **Adopt-a-Park Criteria**

The Chairwoman asked if staff preferred to have different guidelines for each adopt criteria (Park, Bench, Tree) or just use the same form throughout. Committee member Piper mentioned adding the Liability Waiver the City Attorney has reviewed and approved. During discussion, Committee member Johnson suggested allowing at least 2 groups adopt the larger parks, that way they could potentially clean up more and it get done every month.

➤ **Ball Park Update**

Currently the Interlocal Agreement between the city and the high school is being reviewed by the attorneys and it will outline everything the school needs to do to get the permit and get it to where it needs to be. Additionally, they have the approval to start purchasing what's necessary to get the field in order.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Review Goals and Objectives and Subdivide the Tasks**

According to the Chairman, these items don't have a deadline to get accomplished, and are just reminders of their assigned tasks but they do need to work towards getting them done and each will be under their names on the agenda.

➤ **Beach Committee**

The Chairwoman spoke of how these meetings will start again in March 2023 and two member are needed to attend, one volunteer and one back up.

Mrs. Firth explained the essence of how this meeting was created for the tourist business industry and city staff to get together and meet unofficially to discuss different issues that impact not only city staff and the county, but the vendors, the tourist as well as private property owners. She provided an example of how an incident arose after a significant storm event where she and her staff ended up cleaning up the beach from Crystal Beach to Norriego Point. Adding that a lot of the debris was from private property vendors who, instead of assisting with picking up torn up vendor boxes and debris, they'd just say something like, "Oh that's not mine it belongs to so-and-so vendor" and none of it got picked up. As a result of that and other issues, the group was created in order to get everyone on board to help out on all aspects, from the turtle watching groups, the County beach cleaners, all the beach vendors, and city staff. This brings everyone together to discuss and work out issues that may arise and them as well.

➤ **Member Comments:**

Committee member Johnson – Spoke of the recent passing of Dot Jones and dedicating the pavilion at Clement Taylor Park in her memory is in order, since she would go there a lot and meet with people and work on her articles that appeared in the Destin Log.

Motion by Committee member Johnson, seconded by Committee member Piper to have a plaque made in dedication to the memory of Dot Jones. The motion passed with at 4-0 vote.

Committee member Mason – Brought spoke of the garbage cans on the beach on Holiday Isle and if there is anything to make them look better. This topic was briefly discussed, and staff informed the members that all the cans are being changed to the white steel drums, which enables Waste Management to get their machinery to grab and dispose of the garbage into the trucks.

Committee member Piper – Mentioned how people interested in becoming Master Gardeners need to have volunteer hours to achieve their designation and mentioned that they could volunteer their time at city parks to both pull weeds and provide their professional advice on what plants would work well and where in the parks. She also asked the members to be on the lookout for areas where murals could be painted or, at the very least, on garbage cans.

Chairwoman Trammell – Spoke of the tree dedication in Mrs. Tammy Scott's memory was planted in North Kellaire Park.

Mrs. Firth informed the members that the city also received a donation to purchase a tree and a park bench at Clement Taylor Park with no personal recognition, just a place for people to sit and enjoy themselves.

The members discussed taking over Matthew's Park assignments and divided them up amongst each other.

Mrs. Firth then informed to the members the upcoming events taking place in the city for the upcoming month.

➤ **Public Comments: None**

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Adopted and approved this 26th day of January 2023.

Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk