



**AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ATTENDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) July 30, 2019**
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A) Welcome to Destin Sign Beautification/Eglin Update**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) The City's 35th Anniversary Open House - Thursday, October 24th, 2019, in the gymnasium of the Destin Community Center from 11:30 am to 1 pm**
 - B) Other Special Events:**
 - Fall Fest**
 - Pinfish Classic**
 - Turkey Bowl**
 - Holiday Craft Show**
 - Christmas Lighting**
 - Christmas Parade**
 - C) Recycling Pulled from Public Services**
 - D) Pickleball Pulled/Batting Cages Approve**
- 6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**
- 7. STAFF REPORTS**
 - A) Clement Taylor Park**
 - B) Capt, Royal Melvin Heritage Park (Harbor Front)**
 - C) Capt. Leonard Destin Park**
 - D) Children's Park at Morgan Sports Center**
- 8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD**
 - A) October 22, 2019**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
JULY 30, 2019 - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 in the Destin City Hall Boardroom.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Teresa Hebert
Myra Williams
Matthew Sweetser
Dot Jones
Nikki Johnson
Karen Parrish

Absent

Mark Nacol

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Lisa Firth, Interim Recreation Director

3. MINUTES: June 25, 2019

Motion by Committee member Williams, seconded by Committee member Sweetser the members voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting as written.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- **The Back Porch Beach Cleaning**

Chairwoman Hebert spoke of being approached by several citizens how often the beaches are cleaned and if they can go deeper because citizens reported how on numerous occasions they have encountered glass buried in the sand behind The Back Porch Restaurant.

- Mrs. Firth reported that the beach cleaning machine only skims so far down and they as they don't clean on private property such as The Back Porch.

- **Old Concrete Plant property**

Chairwoman Hebert asked if there are any plans to create any overflow parking before the end of summer for boat launch vehicles.

- According to Mrs. Firth, the old asphalt being milled on Hwy 98 is being trucked over and put down on the property.
- Committee member Sweetser asked if this is why semi-trucks are on 1st Street in the middle of the night waking the residents up by the noise they are making.
- According to Mrs. Firth, they are only supposed to be using Main Street and Airport Road but because of where they are currently working on Hwy 98, they probably are taking short cuts. Adding that although city has received complaints from residents that live near the property and FDOT has been contacted; roadwork is exempt from the construction noise ordinance.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

None

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Jones –**
 - Asked what the responsibilities are regarding preparing the city for a potential strike from a storm pointing out that there are three lined up out in the Atlantic. According to Mrs. Firth, the Recreation Dept. is the first department to respond and coordinates with Public Services Dept. in working together to get the city properties prepared and secured.
- **Committee member Williams –**
 - **Welcome to Destin Sign** - Reported the \$10k funding from the TDD is still anticipated if, in August the project gets approved by the Eglin Officials. Once its approved, then a coordination meeting date will be set to determine the schedule to install the pavers and plant the trees.
 - **Airport Road Medians** – Would like to schedule a meeting with Lisa and/or Danny to walk the medians, inventory any missing or marked trees that need to be replaced so she can coordinate with Trees on the Coast. As well as discuss the medians that still have not been cleaned and weeded.
 - Mrs. Firth explained that the medians are contracted out and staff does not handle the work. Additionally, staff has been in contact with the contract holder and is working with them to get those two cleaned up. And lastly, the contract is due to go out to bid in the fall.
- **Committee member Parrish –**
 - Asked if there is any new information on the status of the Pickle Ball Courts. According to Mrs. Firth, she has had one company interested because it is a small project. The 4-courts she asked for came back at over \$100k and is more than what Council allotted currently one court will get installed and was supported by Council member Ramswell.
 - According to Mrs. Firth, she will be addressing Council Monday night and asking them to consider increasing their amount to \$60k, to fund the foundation for the four more courts that are needed.
 - Committee member Johnson suggested following the same concept the Friends of the Destin Dog Park did by proposing to Council a fund-raising match. The Pickleball Interest Groups raise a certain amount of funds to match Council's pledged amount for the courts.

Chairwoman Hebert recommended Committee member Parrish attend the August 5th City Council Meeting to be available to answer any questions Council may have regarding the sport.

- **Committee member Sweetser –**
 - Asked why the beach flag waving flag poles are not at June White Decker and Calhoun beach access points. According to Mrs. Firth, the June White Decker beach access did have a flagpole at one time, however it was washed out from a

past hurricane and because of the permitting requirements by the State, it was never replaced. However, staff is working on the details to get another one installed.

- Discussed tents on the beach and why they are allowed at June White Decker Park beach access.
- Reported the double blue slide at Clement Taylor Park is cracked and pinched his goddaughter and needs to be removed. And when he tried to take her to the bathroom to check her out in private; they were locked at around 1:30 p.m.

- **Mrs. Firth provided the members with the following updates:**

- **Capt. Royal Melvin Heritage Park & Clement Taylor Park Plans** – The status of the funding is still the same for the parks and the 90% plans will be presented to Council at their meeting on August 5th.
- **Morgan's Sports Center Children's Modules** – Staff has the necessary costs for each module are waiting for each company's individual submissions to come in so they can choose which one will be the best for children's age 2-5.
- **Captain Leonard Destin Park** – The workers are back on property and the construction of the park has begun again and everyone is optimistic that it will still open in 2020.

❖ The next meeting **August 27, 2019.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Adopted and approved _____ day of _____ 2019.

Teresa Hebert, Chairwoman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk