CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Rockledge Citizens Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Doyle, Art Edwards, Laura Corbin and Orville Susong.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Parrish (excused) and Theodore Rodriguez (not excused).

STAFF PRESENT: James P. McKnight, City Manager, Don R. Griffin, Development Director, and Margaret L. Daly, Recording Secretary.

DISTRICT 4 PARKS Vicki Bennett, Recreation Superintendent for the Central Area.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Orville Susong at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted immediately following the Call to Order.

A. Attendance Record

See APPROVAL OF MINUTES below.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• Minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2014

By motion of Art Edwards, seconded by Michelle Doyle, the Attendance Record and the minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2014 were approved as individually read. Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES / PRESENTATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Report: Park Projects (City)

This item was discussed after the report given by District 4 Parks and Recreation Staff.
Development Director Don Griffin:

- Reported the City is working with the ROC Foundation to place a dock at Jimmie Weaver Lake at the Larry Schultz Park.
- A husband and wife couple has volunteered to oversee the Dog Park at Robert A. Anderson Park in conjunction with other interested parties.

City Manager McKnight:

Announced upcoming events:

- Memorial Day Parade to be held on Sunday, May 25 (ending at McLarty Park with a Memorial Service to follow)
- July 3, A Mid-Summer Night of Music (to be held at McLarty Park as well, with food trucks present)
- July 4 Picnic at McLarty Park (celebration following later that evening at Cocoa Riverfront Park with the Brevard Symphony and fireworks) (co-sponsored by the cities of Rockledge and Cocoa)
- The City Employees Charity Golf Tournament on June 7 (benefitting the Children’s Hunger Project) and the Rockledge Night at the Manatees Stadium on August 9

B. Report: District 4 Parks and Recreation Department

Vicki Bennett:

- Reported on a recent “My Florida Festival” nature themed event.
- Distributed activity reports for the recreation centers/locations
- Reported that the sprigging of the west field at Dick Blake Park has been completed. District 4 is also in the process of changing out the sprinkler heads on the east field and doing a fertilizer grow in (in the hopes that this would make re-sprigging the field unnecessary).
- Stated that the fields are growing in well on the soccer and football fields at The McKnight Family Sports Complex. They are working with the Rockledge Youth Football League to remove the pump house at that location.

C. Report: Access to Barton Park Lake

City Manager McKnight stated he had recently met District 4 Parks & Recreation personal and Public Works Director Ken Poole at the subject location to discuss the access road. He also provided a map (dated May 15, 2014 showing the proposed access road) to the Board for their review. A general consensus was the best point of access would be the County Access road which is west of the security trailer on the site. It will be necessary to stabilize the road, move some portions of fence and remove some Pepper Trees.
By motion of Art Edwards, seconded by Laura Corbin, the Board recommended to City Council that an access road (as shown on a map provided by City Manager McKnight, dated May 15, 2014) be provided to Barton Park Lake. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Report: Lights for the Rockledge Youth Football League (The McKnight Family Sports Complex)

This matter was recently brought before the Recreation and Beautification Committee by City Manager McKnight. A proposal has been received from Musco Lighting to provide the necessary lighting at a total cost of $138,000 with a five-year payment plan. During that same time period The Rockledge Youth Football League will be asked to contribute $10,000 of the total amount (as referenced above). City Manager McKnight will be giving Musco Lighting a Notice to Proceed in the near future and it’s anticipated that they will be able to have the lighting installed in time for football season (August 1).

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 18, 2014.

Submitted by:                        Approved by:
Margaret L. Daly                  Chairman
Recording Secretary              Citizens Recreation Advisory Board