

1 MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD held
2 March 3, 2008, 6:00 P.M., Lake Mary Events Center, 260 North Country Club Road.

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4 I. Call to Order

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6 Chairman Richard Schulz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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8 II. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (not less than 4)

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10 Members Present

11 Richard Schulz, Chairman
12 Francie Wynalda, Vice Chairman
13 Jim Buck
14 Darrell Jarvis
15 Robert Sebald
16 Lynette Swinski
17 Danny Williamson

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19 Also in attendance were Bill Carrico, Director of Parks and Recreation; Gunnar Smith,
20 Recreation Supervisor; and Dee Gracey, Staff Secretary.

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22 III. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2007

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24 **Motion was made by Darrell Jarvis and seconded by Danny Williamson to approve the**
25 **minutes of December 3, 2007, as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

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27 IV. Citizen Participation

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29 No one was present at this time.

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31 V. Chairman's Report

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33 There was some discussion about this board's function as an Arbor/Tree Board. It was
34 requested that we get an update on the status of the Tree Bank.

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36 VI. Director's Update

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38 A. Splash Park Fees

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40 Items for discussion were:

- 41 • \$200,000.00 grant from the State
- 42 • Trailblazer contributions and funds from the City
- 43 • Extremely popular park, in danger of being over-run
- 44 • Most users not Lake Mary residents
- 45 • A capacity of 70, per the Health Department
- 46 • Shut down for 12 hours and super-chlorinate for certain accidents
- 47 • No budget for an attendant
- 48 • Different amenities in the facility

- 1 • User fees for skate parks, softball fields, golf courses, swimming pools, etc.
- 2 • Control means an attendant
- 3 • FRDAP grant; you cannot differentiate between charges for residents and nonresidents

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5 There was extensive discussion of “The Rule” and a change in 2004 titled “Entrance Fees” that
6 may allow us to charge different rates based on residency. Diane Langston is our contact in
7 Tallahassee for the FRDAP grant. We need to find out what the ratio of residents to
8 nonresidents is. Then we need to be able to control the number of people in the park at one
9 time, for safety reasons. We need to be able to prevent basketball players from taking
10 showers in the splash pad. Many parents at The Reserve have said they would be O.K. with a
11 reasonable charge. There was mention of an annual pass for residents.

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13 It was the general consensus of the board that we need to charge for the splash park and the
14 money needs to go back to the splash park. The charge would be undetermined until we get
15 more data and we would determine, at a later date, if there is a need to differentiate between
16 the charge for residents and nonresidents. We need to staff it in order to control it and to
17 maintain safety.

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19 The recommendation of this board needs to address three things:

- 20 • Safety issues being encountered at the splash park: attendance or inappropriate age or
21 use of the park
- 22 • A fee schedule that is cohesive with the FRDAP grant and will meet all legal grounds
- 23 • The need to use the money to pay for a staff member to maintain the safety and
24 operation of the park

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26 Other items of discussion were:

- 27 • Using wristbands if charge restricted to splash pad
- 28 • Lightning and other weather conditions left to discretion of parents or attendant
- 29 • Signs that children under twelve need to be accompanied by adult
- 30 • What other cities do
- 31 • A sense of urgency – Parks and Recreation to come back with a plan for the next
32 meeting

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34 **Motion was made by Danny Williamson and seconded by Darrell Jarvis that Parks and**
35 **Rec will come back to this board with a plan for approval, with the fees and the safety**
36 **issues and the staff, proper staffing of the facilities, to be paid for with approved fees**
37 **from admission to the splash park, and that the plan will meet the City Attorney’s**
38 **approval. Motion carried unanimously.**

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40 After further discussion, it was stated that it is this board’s direction that fees will be charged
41 for admission to the splash park. We will wait for the formal plan and fee schedule from staff
42 for approval at our next meeting. All agreed.

43 Farmers Market

44 The Farmers Market is going extremely well.

45 Events Center

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47 There is a great demand for this facility. At the last City Commission meeting, we had to raise

1 the rates for Friday and Saturday evenings because, in the first month of opening, we had
2 booked every Saturday and all but three or four Fridays for 2008. We book twelve months in
3 advance; today was the day we start taking bookings for March, 2009, and there were twenty
4 to twenty-five people waiting for us this morning. The building is a huge success. We are now
5 working on getting the business community involved.

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7 VII. Old Business

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9 Summer Camp

10 There was some discussion about the need for a place to hold summer camp. Our camp had
11 the best prices and offered a great service to Lake Mary families. Holding an outdoor camp
12 was mentioned, but it was stated that this was not a viable solution. Local schools have been
13 uncooperative when asked about the possibility of providing space for our camp. We knew
14 going in that we would be unable to hold camp at the Events Center.

15 **Side 1B**

16 Additional discussion included:

- 17 • Renting space
- 18 • The YMCA and Lake Mary Preparatory School have their own camps.
- 19 • Charging more money and still having a good camp
- 20 • Last camp had less than 50% city residents

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22 VIII. New Business

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24 Lake Mary Celebrates

25 This event will be called Lake Mary Festival next year. It was unbelievably successful this
26 year. The feedback was all positive. The Farmers Market might be moved for better
27 exposure next year. The advertising could be better.

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29 IX. Member Reports and Announcements

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31 There were no reports or announcements at this time.

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33 X. Adjournment

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35 **Motion to adjourn was made by Darrell Jarvis and seconded by Lynette Swinski. Motion**
36 **carried unanimously.**

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38 There being no further business, Chairman Richard Schulz adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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44 Richard Schulz, Chairman

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46 Dee Gracey, Staff Secretary