

1 MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
2 held May 2nd, 2016, 6:00 P.M., Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 North Country
3 Club Road.

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5 I. Call to Order

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7 Lynette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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9 II. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (all members present)

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11 Members Present

12 Lynette Swinski
13 Nicholas Carlin
14 Robert Boardman
15 James Buck
16 Danny Williamson
17 Christopher Mullins

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19 Also in attendance were Bryan Nipe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Gunnar Smith,
20 Recreation Supervisor/Events Center Manager; Kathy Gehr, Assistant Director of Parks &
21 Recreation

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23 III. Approval of Minutes

24 **Motion was made by Robert Boardman and seconded by Christopher Mullins to approve**
25 **the minutes of March 7th, 2016, as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

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27 IV. Citizen Participation

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29 No one came forward at this time.

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31 V. Chairman's Report

- 32 • Lynette Swinski mentioned that she had a wonderful time at WineART Wednesday.
33 Perfect weather large crowd perfect night She also mentioned the large crowds at the
34 Farmer's Market. Car show awesome older cars mentioned she liked the Camaro.

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36 VI. Arbor Appeal

- 37 • Steve Noto addressed the board with an appeal from Linda Shaheen to remove a
38 tree in her front yard. He addressed that the tree is not historic and is greater
39 than 15ft from her house. As a result, the code does not allow staff to approve its
40 removal. He also went through the concerns Ms. Shaheen has such as that she
41 fears the tree will fall when she leaves for the summer, which is peak hurricane
42 season. And that it is too hard to maintain. He also mentioned she is willing to
43 plant other trees in its place. Steve then called Ms. Shaheen to the podium to
44 address the board with her concerns. The Robert Boardman asked a few
45 questions about mitigation. In which Steve clarified she could plant three palm
46 trees in the Live Oaks place. Lynette Swinski asked if it look maintain in which
47 Steve replied yes.

- 1 • Ms. Shaheen addressed the board. She said that the tree has become a burden
2 to maintain. She added that the shedding of the leaves and acorns the Live Oak
3 drops are expensive to take care of through her lawn service. One of her other
4 main concerns was that the roots of the tree would grow underneath the house
5 because of the size of this Live Oak. She also mentioned that she has watched
6 her tree sway during heavy winds and is concerns it could fall on her house. She
7 mentioned that she does not live in that house during the summer and she fears
8 that the tree will fall during a time she is not there. She is willing to replace the
9 trees and work around any parameters necessary.
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- 11 • At this time, Lynette asks if there are any more questions. Bob Boardman and
12 Dan Williamson asked one or two more questions. Bryan gives some advice in
13 his experience with trees and it is also noted that the tree looks in better shape
14 than the provided picture which is about 5 years old.
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- 16 • Lynette then tells Ms. Shaheen how the board will proceed. She mentions that
17 they will discuss and then if they come to a decision she is not happy with she
18 can always appeal again to the commission. The board starts to discuss and is
19 conflicted, they ask a few more clarification questions to Steve Noto, Ms.
20 Shaheen as well as Bryan Nipe who is a certified Arborist.
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- 22 • Dan Williamson makes a motion to postpone the appeal until Bryan Nipe has a
23 chance to look at the tree and give his perspective on what can be done. Bob
24 Boardman seconds the motion. The motion is unanimous and the decision will be
25 made at the next Parks and recreation Advisory Board meeting.
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27 VII. Director's Update

28 A. Arbor Day

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- 30 • Bryan Nipe reported the success of Arbor Day at the Farmer's market on April 30th. La
31 Fleur and Duke both donated trees and were able to educate the public on where to
32 plant as well as upkeep for the trees. Nicholas Carlin was at the event and mentioned
33 that all 350 trees were gone within 2-3 hours. Bob mentioned that he was impressed by
34 the fast Facebook coverage of the event. Bob also brought up Tree City USA, in which
35 Bryan responded that they sent in the application earlier that day. They spoke about
36 how Lake Mary hadn't been Tree City USA certified since 1991 or 1992.
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38 B. Lake Mary Heathrow Arts Festival

- 39 • Bryan Nipe confirmed the Lake Mary Heathrow Arts festival will be moved to March 2017.
40 They decided to make this move to start fresh and move away from all of the other fall art
41 festival events that go on and could take away patronage from our event. There is a lot
42 of marketing going on to promote this new change. Nicholas Carlin mentioned this would
43 be the first year we're missing the festival, but they feel it will be a good move to the first
44 weekend in March. Bob Boardman mentioned that this means it could be the biggest year
45 yet since we won't have the same competition for attendance.
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1 C. Summer Camp

- 2 • Gunner did an update on the Lake Mary Summer Camp. All sessions are full with a wait
3 list of 5-13 children except for one session, session 5 that has two spots left. He said it's
4 been a great success so far and that they just hired a new counselor because 5 out of
5 the 6 counselors returned again this summer. Great consistency in return rate. There
6 are 60 kids per session, so they can all fit on one bus. The board members were very
7 impressed.

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9 D. WineART

- 10 • Bryan Nipe reported that this past WineART was a huge success. Seminole state jazz
11 quartet came out before Movies in the Park, a new addition to WineART. The first movie
12 was Ghostbusters. Lynette mentioned that there is an eclectic combination of artists.
13 The board members discussed the different food trucks. We just entered into a new
14 contract with Food Trucks Bizarre. There have been great artist turnouts and the two
15 story pizza truck was a hit with Bob.

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17 E. Soccer Shots

- 18 • Gunnar Smith talked about the success of soccer shots and the growth in numbers.
19 Soccer shots is a soccer program that gets children introduced to the game. It's for ages
20 2-9. They are adding a new 4 on 4 league for ages 6-9. The winter program from 2014
21 to 2016 has grown from 46 kids to 143 which is a 211% increase. The spring program
22 has grown 113%. It's a pick up type game. Bob mentioned that it's great to get the kids
23 interested into the game especially with Orlando Soccer being new to the area.

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25 E. Recent event recap/ Upcoming Events

- 26 • Gummer Smith mentioned that Family Fun day was set up to be one of the biggest
27 events yet with the largest sponsorship turnout, but the weather did not cooperate so it
28 had to be cancelled. The police department and fire department were set up to expand
29 some if their demonstrations. We had 40 sponsors 30 farmers market vendor set up.
30 The Summer Car show series will start up again, with the first event being May 15th.
31 Bob mentioned if they were the same cars to come out for summer and Gunner replied
32 that it's the same group so a lot of the same cars will be there. It just depends on who
33 comes. The Trailblazer 5K had over 270 runners. All of the proceeds are going to the
34 Veterans Memorial in the soon to be constructed Heritage Park. Bob asked how it
35 compares to past years in participation and Gunner said we usually have around 300.
36 Brian said it's typically around 270-300 participants. Bryan mentioned the 5K was the
37 kick off to the fundraising for Heritage Park. Now they will be reaching out to specific
38 sponsors for donations.

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40 G. Batting Tunnels

- 41 • Gunner mentioned that the construction for the batting tunnels will be breaking ground
42 this week. It should be only take about 10 days for the project to be completed. These
43 are 15ft by 55 ft tunnels for kids to get ready for games and during practices. Great
44 partnership with Lake Mary Little League they are paying for them to go in and in return
45 they get free rent for the spring.

1 H. Tennis Update

- 2 • Through the RFP process Steve Huber has been accepted to stay on with the City of
3 Lake Mary. Everyone loves him at the tennis center and everyone stated that he is
4 doing a great job. 166 people have memberships. There was a tournament this past
5 weekend, Bucky Copeland Memorial Tournament, which was a huge success. It's a
6 tournament moved over from Sweetwater and it's a very popular tournament, which
7 looks like it will stay here in Lake Mary. There were 20 teams that competed and food
8 was donated. Dan Williamson also mentioned that he is very well liked and has done a
9 great job bringing in outside instructors to do lessons. There is also a youth tennis
10 summer camp happening this summer and Steve is working on getting sign ups.

11 I. Little League Overview

- 12 • Gunnar Smith read a letter from the Lake Mary Little League addressed to the board.
13 Little league has had great success and that many little league teams across the county
14 come and play at our space.

15 J. Senior Center

- 16 • Kathy Gehr discussed the plans for the Senior Center to be expanded. It will be
17 increased by 1800 square feet. They are 26% complete in their plans and have an
18 architect working with them with all of the logistics.

19 VIII. Old Business

20 IX. New Business

- 21 • Bob Boardman asked about the County sports complex. Bryan Nipe said the opening
22 will be May 13th and that they will have food and fireworks. He also estimated that
23 earlier in the process it was estimated that it would bring 25million dollars to the area,
24 but now it's doubled and the estimated money will be 50 million

25 X. Member Reports and Announcements

26 XI. Adjournment

27 **Motion to adjourn was made by Dan Williamson and seconded by Robert Boardman.**
28 **Motion carried unanimously.**

29 There being no further business, Lynette Swinski adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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