

FREEPORT RECREATION BOARD

July 9, 2019 Bi-Annual Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm /Freeport City Hall Council Chambers

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Racyne Digges at 6:30 pm.

Board Members present: Racyne Digges, Jeff Weller, Monnie Mixon and member-elect Denise Lassiter.

Staff present: Clay Adkinson/Board Attorney, Latilda Neel/Planning Director/Brooke Jackson/Planning Technician, Charlie Simmons/Parks & Recreation Director.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Digges, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Swearing In – Denise Lassiter

Attorney Adkinson sworn in Denise Lassiter as Elizabeth Haffner’s representative on the Recreation Board.

IV. Introductions/Board Members-Board Staff

V. Refresher on Sunshine Law/Ex-Parte Contact/Clay Adkinson

- 3 requirements for public meetings: meeting open to the public, notice published, minutes kept
- Definition of meeting; 2 or more board members
- Communication
- Violations/penalties
- Example of violation of Sunshine Law: Jacksonville Airport Expansion
- Social platform dangers
- Ex Parte contact

VI. Parks & Recreation Operations/Charlie Simmons

- Splash pad installed
- Shuffleboard courts being converted to pickleball courts
- Will not need concession area at tennis courts

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- Concession stand/bathrooms/storage facility at event field in building permit process
- Stadium lights added to event field
- Night at the Park held
- Rode4o was held on event field
- Trail Construction underway south of Hammock Trail East.
- 18 additional disc golf holes being added
- Spider Nets donated by Hammock Bay have been installed at Children's Park at City Hall
- The grass on the soccer/football fields is improving
- Public wifi approved for the Sports Complex

VII. Master Recreation Plan/Charlie Simmons

In budget process.

VIII. Public Comment

Neel reminded Board that next scheduled meeting is January 14th, 2020. Additional meetings may be called if there are recreation grant applications which need the board's review/input.

IX. Adjournment

Mixon motioned to adjourn. Weller seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.