

**GOOSE CREEK RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING
August 8, 2011**

Present

- Commission: Chairman Jerry Glass, Milton Terre, Eddie Hiott, Tom Lindsay
- Staff: Director Gary Stuber and Cheryl Heiselman
- Guest: Mayor Michael Heitzler

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Jerry Glass.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

Mr. Lindsay made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting; motion was seconded by Mr. Terre; all in favor.

Financial Reports

Mr. Lindsay made a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted for the period ending July 31, 2011; motion was seconded by Mr. Hiott; all in favor.

Mr. Stuber reported that as of this date the department has a positive fund balance. Budget projections show we should have a surplus at the end of the year.

A discussion was held on the financial status of the pool. The Commission hopes we will generate more revenue next year to offset the high cost of lifeguards. They suggested only opening half of the pool during slow times and cutting staff.

**Old Business: Project Status Report
Cultural Arts Committee**

Mr. Stuber reported that the Sounds of Summer concert series concluded. The program ended with a positive cash balance.

The Cultural Arts Committee is meeting on August 16th to discuss future plans.

Mr. Glass asked if we could consider additional sites for next year besides the golf course.

Additional special events are being considered for October; possibly a Bluegrass & BBQ Festival or an Octoberfest.

2012 Budget

Mr. Stuber reported that the 2012 Budget has been sent to City Hall for review. In this budget, we have created a reserve account to leverage future building projects.

Fall Programs

Mr. Stuber stated that summer programs are finishing up this week and fall sports are starting practice.

New Business

Parks Report:

Mr. Stuber reported that the maintenance department is preparing Dogwood Park and Foster Creek Park for fall sports.

Recreation Report:

Mrs. Heiselman updated the Commission on the following items:

- Pool Party & Outdoor Movie – August 20th – all tickets have been distributed already
- Now registering for fall programs

Director's Report

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12th. On that date, Mr. Stuber will be hosting the Twenty Year Club of the South Carolina Recreation & Parks Association at the Crowfield Golf & Country Club for dinner. He invited the Commission to join him there for dinner instead of their regular meeting.

A brief discussion was held on the status of the re-appointment of the Commission. Mr. Stuber will follow-up on this.

Mr. Glass pointed out several articles in the NRPA magazine that were of particular interest: getting disabled veterans involved in your programs, addressing the obesity problem with the help of grants and reaching out to celebrities in the community to help with special events.

Mr. Glass suggested we look at ways to energize the area around the Casey Center and draw attention to that property.

Mr. Glass asked Mayor Heitzler how the expiration of the TIF district will affect recreation revenues. How much of the TIF money that was capped was recreation money? Will the recreation department get any more money when the TIF expires? The Mayor said he did not have the answers to those questions but would research it and get back with Mr. Glass.

Closing Public Comments

None at this time.

Adjournment

Mr. Terre made a motion to close the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Mr. Lindsay; all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, at the Crowfield Golf & Country Club.