

**AGENDA**  
**LAKE ALFRED PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**JANUARY 17, 2019**

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**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**  
**CITY HALL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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**Call to Order:** Chairperson Gary Johnson  
**Invocation:** Board Member Mike Jones  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairperson Gary Johnson

**Roll Call:** Those in attendance were Chairperson Gary Johnson, Vice Chairperson David Fawcett, Board Member Michael Jones, Board Member Brent Eden (New), and Board Member Ron Schelfo (New).

Also in attendance were Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed and Administrative Assistant Anaeli Quinones.

Meeting began at 6:00pm.

**Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed** covered the announcements. He welcomed the two newest Board Members: Brent Eden and Ron Schelfo. He talked about the Gardner Home Open House, with about 50-60 people attending. Also talked about the Chamber Race for Liberty 5K that took place that past weekend with about 65 runners and about a dozen walkers. The overall winner was one of our officers, Bobby Fiore. He showed pictures on the slideshow of both events. **Board Member Eden** asked what time did he get. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** said that it was 19 something. He then went to talk about the classes and events at the Library, the Christmas Parade on December 8, 2018 at 6:30pm, its route, and everything that will be available such as Christmas cookies, tree lighting, etc. The Christmas Party for the Employees will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the IFAS Center, and invitations will be sent out soon. Santa's Calling will take place on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and volunteers are needed. In January, there will be the Bluegrass Event on January 12<sup>th</sup>. There were no more announcements.

**Chairperson Johnson** announced the recognition of citizens. Seeing no one, meeting moved on to the approval of minutes.

**Parks and Recreation Director Weed** explained to the new members that last meeting's focus was about going over the Master Plan to get extra points for grants.

There were no more announcements.

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

**Chairperson Johnson** asked to make a motion to approve the minutes for September 18, 2018; **Board Member Jones** made the motion, seconded by **Vice Chairperson Fawcett** and motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

**Chairperson Johnson** asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1) REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2019 RECREATION CALENDAR.**

**Parks and Recreation Director Weed** stated that every year the recreation calendar gets approved before moving into the new year. He listed all the different events, classes, nature walks, workshops taking place for the upcoming year. (These are all attached to the agenda.) He asked if there were any questions. **Chairperson Johnson** said that the events at the Library were really good.

**Chairperson Johnson** asked for a motion to approve the 2019 recreation calendar. **Vice Chairperson Fawcett** made the motion, seconded by **Board Member Schelfo** and motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

**Chairperson Johnson** moved on to the next business item.

**2) NOMINATE AND APPOINT A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2019.**

**Parks and Recreation Director Weed** stated that every November a Chair and Vice Chair gets picked for the Charter, and this is open to the Board as to who to pick, there are no staff recommendations. **Board Member Jones** made the motion to continue having **Chairperson Johnson** as the Chairperson. It was seconded by **Board Member Eden**. Motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote. **Chairperson Johnson** accepted. **Board Member Schelfo** made the motion to continue having **Vice Chairperson Fawcett** as Vice Chair and it was seconded by **Board Member Jones**. Motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote. **Vice Chairperson Fawcett** accepted.

**Chairperson Johnson** moved on to the next business item.

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**3) APPROVAL OF PAVILIONS AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ECHO AND HIGHLANDS CENTER PLAYGROUNDS.**

**Parks and Recreation Director Weed** explained the analysis that was attached to the agenda. The Master Plan was completed so now time to put it into action. He went over the maps (attached) and the concepts of what they will look like. He used the example of the playground at Lake Parker in Lakeland. He talked the knuckle locking system that basically you can do whatever you want with it, which makes any damage or replacement easier. Lakeland recommends it and the warranty on the pieces is good. If they get damaged, they have a 100 year warranty and if you need a piece, they will have it for you the next day. Also, you can make it into any color that you want. We will work with Rec Services on that. He described the playground that was attached to the agenda. The overall price would be about \$75,000 with installation and delivery. This would be available for children from the ages of 2 to 12, divided into two pieces based on the age ranges. **Chairperson Johnson** asked what the ground cover is. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** said it is certified engineered wood fiber, which comes from the heart of the tree they are using (EFW). It will also be ADA accessible. Right now this is just the playground discussion. Overall sidewalks and other pavilions will be implemented. **Board Member Eden** inquired about the wood being too hard. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** answered that it will be soft enough and it comes with letter of certification. **Board Member Schelfo** asked what is the lifespan on it and the turnaround on getting parts for it. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** said that any playground will be ready to be replaced in about 15-20 years. He explained that in talking with Lakeland, they have been getting their parts that they need really quickly. **Board Member Jones** asked if this type of mulch would have to be replaced every so often due to kids throwing it out of the playground. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** said that it gets freshen up every so often and we can get the mulch from right down the street at Circle P if it were to happen. It is meant to last for a while, he explained that some was put down at Lions Park to freshen up the beds just before Bluegrass this past January and they are still good. He could bring an example of it to show the way they make it. **Board Member Eden** asked if it was going to be put in a place with a lot of trees with shade. **Parks and Recreation Director Weed** responded with yes. He explained that Echo has a lot of trees around it so it should be good there. At Highlands it will be placed under the Oak tree that grows on the corner (shown on the attachment), and will have to add something because there's not much there to cover. He also read the analysis on the agenda, about removing the current park out of the lake front. He applied for the Children's FRDAP Grant, which is a grant thru the state specifically for playgrounds. The total for this playground was \$209,000 and he's waiting to hear from the state for approval on some of it that would cover new pavement, extended parking area, fencing, retaining wall, lighting, sidewalks, etc. And moving forward, there are \$175,000 just to do the Highlands playground and develop it with picnic pavillon, etc. Will work with Rec Services on that. He showed pictures of the pavilions that will be implemented and explained what they are made of. He asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

**Chairperson Johnson** asked for a motion to approve the pavilions and playgrounds equipment for Echo and Highlands Center. **Board Member Jones** made the motion, seconded by **Board Member Eden** and motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

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**Chairperson Johnson** asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

**Chairperson Johnson** moved on to recognition of citizens. Seeing no one, he made the motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anaeli Quinones  
Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant