

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Dunedin Stirling Links Golf Course  
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 4:00 PM

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Tom Mahoney

**Attendance**

Members: Mike Bowman, Mike Jones, Tom Mahoney, Gina Massotto, Donna Moore, Bunny Dutton (alternate), Betty Edelman (alternate)

Staff: Lanie Sheets, Vince Gizzi, Chris Hoban

Guest: Justin Spinello, Jeff Gow (Commissioner)

**Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2019 meeting**

- A motion to approve the minutes as written was made and seconded
- The committee voted unanimously to approve

**Community Center Fitness Center Improvements**

- The improvements were budgeted in this year's budget in the amount of \$46,000.
- Staff conducted three community meetings to discuss the project
- The equipment has been rearranged for better flow and ADA accessibility
- After much due diligence, a new floor material (rubber) was selected and installed
- The room has also been painted
- New TV's and ceiling fans are still to come
- There were questions and discussion about the possibility of expanding the fitness center in the future.

**Update on Highlander Pool Timeline**

- Due to resources and other city projects, the pool replacement project has been delayed for 1 year
- There was discussion about the feasibility of having 2 smaller pools instead of 1 larger facility. The logistics and additional costs of two pools was cited including two sets of mechanical rooms, bathhouses and other support facilities, as well as staffing costs and oversight. There are overhead cost savings and the ability to provide more amenities with a consolidated facility.

**Dunedin Stirling Links Golf Course**

- Staff discussed the options for the future of the property to remain a golf course or convert it to a public park. The group discussed the possible amenities that could be included at the property and the option to continue to operate the driving range and have golf instruction. If the Commission agrees with the park option at the upcoming workshop, staff would then begin a community input process to determine what amenities our residents would want to see at the site. A design and development funding plan including grants would then be prepared.
- The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee previously voted to support the conversion into a public park. The Committee still supports this recommendation.

**Next Meeting**

- Items for the next meeting to include an overview of our park inventory and a tour of the new fitness center improvements. Future tours to include the Highlander Pool and the Englebert Complex and Jones Building.

**Date for Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be September 18, 2019 at 4 p.m. at the Dunedin Community Center