

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Highlander Pool, 1937 Ed Eckert Drive, Dunedin
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Tom Mahoney

Attendance

Members: Manny Koutsourais, Tom Mahoney, Greg Martin, Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt, Betty Edelman (alternate)

Staff: Lanie Sheets, Alicia Castricone

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2019 meeting

- Greg moved to approve the minutes with a correction showing him as present
- Manny seconded the motion
- The committee voted unanimously to approve

Need for additional Pickle Ball facilities (Lanie)

- Popular new sport, kind of like a cross between oversized ping pong and oversized badminton, played on a small tennis court
- There is lots of local demand and the city is trying to offer facilities
- Staff is looking into possible locations and funding for some outdoor courts dedicated to Pickle Ball

Dunedin Stirling Links Workshop (Lanie)

- Commission Workshop December 3 at 9:00 a.m.
- They'll be looking at two options: keep it as a golf course, or convert to a city park
 - Conversion to a city part was recommended by this committee earlier in 2019

Member & Staff Comments

- Manny shared that he had walked the north side of the causeway and found it to be very bumpy and uneven. Asked if the city could get the county to grade it
 - Lanie said that the city is already reviewing the existing agreements with the county for this work and are addressing this and other maintenance issues

Items for Future Meetings

- Tour of the new stadium when timing is appropriate
- Tour of Community Center

Tour of Highlander Pool Aquatic Complex

- Aquatic Program Coordinator Alicia Castricone shared background info on the pool and updates
 - Pool is next on the replacement list after city hall
 - Staff has attended specific training related to building a new pool
 - Staff is working on developing a "wish list" of pool and facility features
 - Looking at local examples
 - Currently pool will re-open Spring of 2020.
 - Construction planned for 2021-22, opening in 2022
- Alicia took the committee on a tour of the pool and its facilities

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned immediately following the tour.

Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be December 18 at 4 p.m. at the Community Center