

City of Spring Lake Park  
1301-81st Ave. N.E.  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of December 6, 2016 held at City Hall.

1. **Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman Harlan.**
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members present: Radichel, Graba, Harlan, Delfs, Hoard, Apitz  
Members absent: Lambert  
Council/Staff present: Councilmember Wendling, Director Rygwall  
Council/Staff absent: None
3. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Radichel to approve minutes with correction of spelling error, all ayes, motion carried.
4. **Discussion from Floor.** None
5. **Commission Member Reports.** Hoard reported that this year's SBM Fire Dept Santa appearance was the best one yet. A lot of families lined the streets to see Santa and give food to the food bank. It was well advertised and very nicely done.
6. **Council Commissioner's Report.** Wendling reported that a 194 senior housing unit is proposed to be built on the Goony Golf site. He toured another property built by the developer and said it was very nice. This development will contain all of the site's water runoff underground and pipe it offsite so as not to negatively impact the existing flooding problems.
7. **Unfinished Business.**
  - A. **Consider changes to the pitching distance in the various softball leagues.** After discussion it was decided to mark a distance at 35' for coaches to pitch from at the PeeWee level if needed. The coaches would then have a 5' leeway to pitch from depending upon the hitter. The goal would be to have everyone pitched to at the 40' pitching rubber by the end of the season.
  - B. **Winter skills clinic – dates, times, format.** The dates, time and description were reviewed. The new description sounds more fun. Commission would like drills to work on catching, and batting (using a wiffle ball). Hoard and staff will do some research on drills and activities for the clinic.
8. **New Business.**
  - A. **Turkey Shoot review.** 102 people attended with 117 pounds of food collected for the food shelf. Wendling stated it was a good crowd. The commission reported participants expressed it was a fun family event. The

basketball station was a little slow but when two hoops were used (one for adult/one for child) it went faster. Suggestion to have two stations next year.

**B. Santa Breakfast update.** Only four children and five adults registered so the event is cancelled. Staff will re-design the event for next year.

**9. Director's Report.**

**A. Program updates.** Okey took a group to Branson, MO. Even though the bus broke down on the highway and left them stranded for 2 1/2 hours, everyone said they had a great time. Okey kept them busy playing games and feeding them chocolate while they waited for a new bus. The Texas trip was almost full until the presidential election when several people dropped from the trip with fears of their stock accounts not performing well enough to allow them to afford the trip. Now the numbers are slightly below the minimum but the trip will go as there are a large number of new travelers registered.

**10. Other.**

**11. Adjournment at 7:25 pm. Christmas pot luck followed.**

**Next meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 7:25 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by,

*Marian Rygwall*

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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 3, 2017

**TIME:** 6:30 pm

**PLACE:** City Hall

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Approval of Minutes.
4. Discussion from the floor.
5. Commission Member Reports.
6. Council Commissioner's Report.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
  - A. Election of officers.
  - B. New event ideas for Tower Days Celebration.
  - C. 2017 Winter/Spring Brochure. Note special event dates.
9. Directors Report.
  - A. Status of ice rinks.
  - B. Program update.
10. Other
11. Adjournment.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 7; 6:30 pm