

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – September 6, 2022, 4:00 PM
Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kappers, President.

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Alan Kappers, President
 Mr. Richard Jordan Emerick, Vice-President
 Mrs. Susan Westfall, Secretary

Others Attending: Jeremy Drake, Park Superintendent
 Ken Siler, Recreation Director
 Kyler Booher, Director of Golf
 City Staff

The minutes of the July 11, 2022 and August 24, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent Jeremy Drake noted that the Senior Citizen Center roof has been replaced. Staff is currently working on replacing some park shelter roofs before the weather turns for the winter. Mr. Drake also noted there is a Park Survey on the City's website on the Park Department page. Staff wants the citizens feedback on maintenance and updates with the parks. Lastly, Mr. Drake stated the geese population in the parks has been higher than the past couple of months. This is the time of year that the geese are preparing for migration and are going to greenspaces for feed. Mr. Kappers asked if Miami Shores has seen an increase in geese population and Mr. Booher stated the holes near the pond do have an increase this time of year and staff tries to manage it themselves.
- Mr. Siler submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler thanked the Park Department Staff for trimming trees outside of Hobart Arena. He also noted the Roof Replacement Project is progressing and the project should be completed by the end of September.
- Mr. Booher submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated August was a good month of play for Miami Shores. Staff is now focusing on aeration throughout the course. Mr. Kappers inquired about limiting play and Mr. Booher stated staff is monitoring the number of rounds being played and focusing on how to prepare the course for the increased number of rounds in seasons to come.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Consideration of the sale of Waco Park** – Mr. Kappers stated in the past the City has tried to sell Waco Park and it was unsuccessful with no bids being received. Mr. Kappers stated the park could be gifted to the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) and the CIC could sell the park. Mr. Drake noted the park is not used heavily and it is inconvenient for the citizens to access. A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, to recommend to City Council for the consideration of gifting Waco Park to the CIC. Motion passed by unanimous vote

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
