Town of Payson
Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission
MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting Date and Time: December 8, 2015 5:00 pm

Location: Town of Payson, Council Chambers
303 N. Beeline Highway, Payson, AZ

The Commission Reserves the right to consider any matter out of sequence.

A. CALL TO ORDER: At 5:28pm

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (if desired)

C. ROLL CALL:

Rob Ingram, Chair - X	Nancy Gartner Excused
Rory Huff, Vice Chair - X	Todd Braeger - X
Hartland Hintze - Excused	Jim Lyon - X

OTHERS PRESENT: Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, Audrey Wilcox, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Executive Assistant, Courtney Spawn, Recreation Coordinator, Nelson Beck, Parks Supervisor, Kaprice Bachtell, Special Events Coordinator.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from July 30, 2015 meeting

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Comments concerning items not on the agenda

Those wishing to address the Parks Commission during this time need not request permission in advance. No discussion regarding Public Comments is permitted. Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (G), action taken as a result of the Public Comment is limited to (1) asking staff to study the matter, (2) responding to individual criticism, or (3) asking that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (IF APPLICABLE)

None Scheduled

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G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. 2015 Project Funding Update/New Projects
   A. Rumsey Kiwanis Field Lighting—The lighting is completely installed just waiting to get on APS"s list to drop power to test-possibly in 3-4 weeks. Next will be upgrading existing fields by replacing turf, adding new scoreboards, bleachers, and fencing. The entrance of the field will be created with help from the Friends of Parks & Rec. They will donate monies to build a concession, restrooms and get power to the buildings.
   B. Pickle Ball Court—Ready to put in lighting just need to pour concrete to set poles and pull wire.
   C. Build A Field Payson Little League Partnership—The grant was put in and we have not heard directly from the Diamond Backs Organization but contractors are calling Nelson to get information.$350,000 just to replace the turf on both Kiwanis Fields.
   D. Rumsey South Soccer Field Turf Replacement-Nelson said all the loan and contract documents have been signed. Crews are scheduled to start on the turf replacement by December 21st. It should take between 30-60 days depending on the weather.
   E. Possibility for a Community Rec. Center Built at Rumsey Park
      a. Funding Resources-We have a commitment (half million) from a donor for a portion of the amount needed to build a Community Rec Center. We have been looking for grants or Federal money to help.
   F. Status on Taylor Pool—Denver White was the pool manager this past year. We recouped 40% of operating budget. We are hoping to increase the programs and make it a viable place to be. The pool is an aging facility

2. Follow up for a Master Plan-Moved to the top of agenda since Laron Garrett came to the meeting to address this issue with the board. The board is specifically interested on having a plan in place should the town acquire any property. When the airport land was annexed parks was to get a portion but it turned out what they received was such a small portion. Laron did not see a master plan in the near future. Laron said it would be great to have a plan and a vision program put together on what to do next for the parks. He agrees with that but first you have to have money to do a plan then second the plan isn't any good unless you have money to implement it. The board would really like to see a park on the East side of town. The question was asked: Will the town get any portion of the land acquired from the Forest Service for parks? No, the only way would have been if it had been a land exchange. At this time the only way to get property for parks on the East would be if it was donated.

3. Directors Report- The event center brought in $100,000.00 gross. It does not cover all the expenses but it is getting closer.
   A. Glow in the Bowl—1st year for this event. We had 68 participants and utilized the golf course.
   B. ASU Football & Pep Rally—This was a fun event the night before Camp Tontozona. We are planning on having it again next year.
   C. Rodeos
      a. National Barrel Horse Association-This rodeo is held in August and September..We manage the stalls for this event. In 2016 they will bring the finals
      b. Women's Pro Rodeo Association—This event is related with the August Rodeo. The Pro Rodeo Committee is looking to expand on this to bring in more tourism up the hill.
      c. August Doins Rodeo—This is the largest rodeo in Payson and we manage the stalls for this event.
      d. Az Jr. High & High School Rodeo Association Season Opener—Coming back next year and we are hoping to secure the finals.
      e. Queen Creek Jr. Rodeo—Already scheduled for a May 2016 return.
   D. Old Time Fiddler's Festival—The 45th Annual Old Time Fiddler's Festival, we had 750 people come in for the concert on Friday night and 350 coming in/out for the Fiddle Contest on Saturday & Sunday.
   E. Trunk or Treat Festival—This is a community favorite. We had 32 trunks participate this year. The kids enjoyed the Super Hero Experience.
   F. Turkey Trot—We had 78 participants and are hoping to increase next year.

5. Youth and Adult Sports
   A. Fall Soccer—172 participants and ran September-October
   B. Youth Basketball—7th & 8th League just finished—5th & 6th , and 3rd & 4th to follow
   C. Biddy Basketball & Jr. Basketball Skills Academy—This ran from October-November and taught skills and drills. There were 44 participants up from 21 last year.
   D. NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Northern Sectional—Host for the 2nd year. We had 8 participants. Promoting for our kids to participate in and not having to travel to Flagstaff or somewhere else to participate. This event will be back in 2016.
   E. Adult Fall Softball League—This league was finally wrapped up. It was extended several times due to the weather conditions. There were 14 teams.
   F. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball—Wrapped up this season.
   G. Youth Volleyball—This league was 4th -8th grade.
   H. Certified Youth Sport Administrator—Just recently earned a new certification.

I. ASA End of Summer Madness Recap—29 teams this year. This tournament will be returning next year in September.

J. Senior Softball Classic—This tournament is already scheduled for September 19-21, 2016. This tournament keeps increasing by team participants.

K. ASA "B" State Championships—This is a new tournament set for July 8th-10th, 2016. It will be 10-18 teams.

H. REQUESTS TO STAFF FOR THE PLACEMENT OF ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA (No discussion permitted)

I. Follow Up Master Plan Concept

J. Community Rec Center

K. ADJOURNMENT—Motion by Rory Huff to adjourn-Seconded by

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By: _____

Robert Hodgson -Chair