

**Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Visalia Parks & Recreation Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 via video conference. The meeting was called to order by Commission Vice-chair Patrick Lozano at 5:30pm.

Present (remotely): Patrick Lozano, Rick Eastes, Ben Filiponi, Shann Blue, Lisa Walsh (Alternate Commissioner) and Nancy Hawkins (Alternate Commissioner)

City Staff: Leslie Caviglia, Laurissa Roggenkamp, Tracy Robertshaw, Joel Hooyer and Kathleen Machado

1. Public Comment

Cori Morse (Visalia) of Morse Racing at Plaza Park Raceway asked for direction on how to get started with race events that would be compliant with the California Governor's reopening plan. Assistant City Manager Leslie Caviglia said she would work with Mrs. Morse.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

MOTION: Motion carried 4-0. RE/BF

3. Urban Forestry Report – Urban Forestry Supervisor Joel Hooyer

Through a written staff report and Power Point presentation, Urban Forestry Supervisor Joel Hooyer presented a report on 2019 Urban Forestry, Tree and Trail Activity. Discussion, and questions answered by staff.

4. Update on City Council Reports and City Staff Announcements:

• Recreation Programs/Events – Recreation Manager Laurissa Roggenkamp

- There will be no Recreation programs until further notice.
- Looking in to the possibility of providing day care.
- Virtual activities have been posted on the Recreation Division website and Facebook page and Recreation Supervisor Colleen Moreno has been presenting craft time on Facebook Live.
- Recreation staff has been cleaning and organizing the community centers.
- Requested City Council to authorize a contract with Michael's Flooring to demo and install new floors at the Visalia Senior Center and Whitendale Community Center.
- C-trains were delivered to Riverway Sports Park for City program storage.
- Looking forward to meeting the new Community Services Director.

- **Parks & Urban Forestry Projects, Programs and Special Events – Neighborhood Preservation Manager Tracy Robertshaw**
 - Purchase order sent to Finance for new playground equipment at Ruiz Park.
- **Administrative Items – Assistant City Manager Leslie Caviglia**
 - The new Community Services Director, Jeremy Rogers, will start working May 26th.
 - The new Parks and Recreation Commission meeting night on the second Tuesday of the month, commencing June 9th, will be taken to Council for resolution on June 1st.
 - Commissioner Ben Filiponi’s term will end in June 2020. Applicant reviews and discussion will take place at the Parks and Recreation Commission June meeting.
 - Although Tulare County Board of Supervisor’s voted to authorize Tulare County to move in to Phase 3 of the California Governor’s reopening plan, the City of Visalia will continue to follow the Tulare County and State Health officials’ directive to remain in Phase 2.

5. Commissioners’ Requests and Comments:

- **Community Enhancement Foundation Report – Alternate Commissioner Walsh**
 - Not pursuing fundraising from businesses with uncertain futures.
 - Cancelling the Fromage Frolic.
- **Greenway Trail Naming Subcommittee – Commissioner Lozano**
 - Nothing to report.

6. Adjourn to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

MOTION: The motion carried 4-0. SB/BF