



PASCAGOULA RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING August 4, 2021

Jay Spradlin opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Jay welcomed new and returning board members to the first meeting of the new term.

Michael Silverman, Mike West and David Bates were present.

Mike McElhaney made the motion to approve minutes as written.

Old Business:

Prepared Food Tax Collection: Jay Spradlin presented the prepared food tax collection information: \$4,672,551.58 received from 2/2017-7/16/2021. June Receipts \$17,124.23 Hotel/Motel Received 8/19- 7/16/2021 \$342,833.63 June receipts \$17,923.91.

I.G. Levy: We received approval to hire a company to install a system in the lake that will help to clear up algae problems.

Point Park: Advertisement went out for construction bids. Deadline is August 26th.

Lighthouse Park: Notice for construction has gone out. Construction should start mid-August.

New Business:

A. Nominations: Jay Spradlin was nominated for Chairman. Motion passed unanimously. Aulton Vann was nominated as Vice Chairman and that motion was passed unanimously.

B. Program Updates:

1. Athletics- Lots of tournaments scheduled at the Sportsplex as well as MCC Park. David stated that since MCC Park Baseball fields and Softball fields are being utilized more for tournaments and practices, he suggested the following maintenance projects
 - a. Mound Protection
 - b. Top Dressing
 - c. Laser Grading
 2. Programs- After School Starts August 5th. Ballet classes will resume 2nd week of September
- C. Maintenance Updates: Staff have started clearing the islands at IG Levy pond. Secured funding to install equipment to help fight algae. Currently using herbicide recommend by Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to kill the grass growing in the pond.
- D. Baseball/Softball: Softball general membership meeting scheduled for August 12th. New Board members should be selected at this meeting.

Mike McElhaney offered condolences to the family of Paul Hembree. Paul served on the Recreation Commission for about 15 years. He was instrumental in helping get many recreation projects approved. He also served as vice chair.

Chris Grace asked for update on the lights at IG Levy and shade structure at River Park.

Jay would like an update on installation of the basketball courts at IG Levy.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on September 1, 2021 at the Pascagoula Recreation Center.

/s/s Antoinette Johnson
Antoinette Johnson, Secretary

Members Present:

Jay Spradlin
Aulton Vann
Chris Grace
Mike McElhaney
Jason Williams
Lee Tingle
Linda Thomas

Members Absent: