

**Foss Park District  
Recreation Committee Meeting August 8, 2017**

**Call to order:** Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**Roll Call:**

Board members present: Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Tony Jones and Commissioner Kenneth Robinson.

Board members absent: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin and Commissioner Bernie Semasko.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Business:**

**Discussion:** Athletic/sport programming

Commissioner Johnson turned the meeting over to the Recreation Co-chair, Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Jones stated the meeting is to have a discussion regarding athletic and sport programming.

Mr. Melvin Allen stated the track program had just ended and football and cheer programs are starting. He stated future programs include volleyball and t ball.

Commissioner Jones stated the district has been receiving criticism due to lack of programs. Mr. Michael Bone state fliers were distributed and he spoke to children about programs.

Commissioner Johnson stated he wants to see a baseball program started and a batting cage purchased to hold winter clinics. He continued that planning for next spring and summer needs to be done soon.

Commissioner Baldwin enters the room at 10:08 am

Commissioner Jones stated he is turning the meeting over to the Recreation Chair, Commissioner Baldwin.

Commissioner Johnson stated he would also volunteer some time to the clinics this winter.

Commissioner Baldwin stated to athletics should focus on kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and promotion should be done at the Navy base. He continued that there has to be other sports than just football.

Commissioner Robinson asked for a timeline of programs and stated with the new tennis courts being constructed a tennis program should be implemented.

Commissioner Jones stated that programs need to be created and promoted.

Commissioner Robinson stated a newsletter should be created and mailed out to residents. Ms. Cowart stated a newsletter is being worked on for the fall.

Mr. Bone stated he did distribute fliers to the schools and has spoken with the High School Athletic Director regarding sport programs. Commissioner Johnson stated that the open gym time can be used to teach kids how to play a game and not just open play.

Commissioner Baldwin stated a golf program should be started.

Mr. Allen recapped expectations of Mr. Bone and athletic programs that included: t ball, batting cage, softball, volleyball and winter clinics.

Commissioner Robinson reminded staff to promote at the Charter School.

**Citizens Comments:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Johnson stated the meeting will stand adjourned at 10:48 am with no objections.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary