

Buttonwillow Recreation and Park District
Special Board Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairman, Andrew Houchin called meeting to order on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:05 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL: Board Present – Andrew Houchin, Chad Ramay, Regina Houchin and Louie Andreotti. Absent: John Parsons Staff Present, Megan Lucas and Crystal Nunez
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Board approved agenda. M/S/A R. Houchin/Ramay Ayes A. Houchin and Andreotti Noes: None. Motion carried.
- IV. PUBLIC TIME: Chairman Houchin introduced Sargent Lafoya new this week to the Buttonwillow Substation.
- V. BUSINESS TO THE BOARD:

Purpose of the special meeting was to provide information regarding completed projects, projects currently in progress, and funding opportunities. The intent was to engage the community in discussions regarding future funding, projects and programs.

 - A. Town Hall Presentation - Video of challenges, changes made, and future challenges facing the District was shown. Thank you to Westside Parks and Recreation for making the video. Interim General Manager Megan Lucas reported on state and local grant funding currently in progress. Prop 64 Funding and possible County grants offered and supported by Supervisor David Couch. Projects currently in progress or awaiting funding: major changes to the outdoor Basketball courts; lights on the tennis/outdoor soccer courts; lining for pickleball; security locks on the north bathroom; security improvements; babe ruth field rehabilitation to allow for more diversified use; resealing parking lot asphalt and stripping. In addition, Annual Sponsorships, solar energy, and lighting upgrades are being considered. Heidi Witcher of the Buttonwillow School District shared information regarding grant funding received to meet the extended day and hours required by the State. In addition to adding special programs by the school, partnerships with the Recreation District and Buttonwillow Branch of the Kern County Library will provide additional opportunities to meet the needs of the students.
 - B. Public Comments and Questions -

After the presentation, comments and questions from the community members present were received and recorded for future consideration.

 - Driving Range Net
 - Shade at the Softball field
 - Removal of the Pool, with the possibility of a Splash Park, located in a more central/visible location.
 - Funding opportunities through Kern County Preventative Services – Tobacco & Alcohol. May have funding for specific programs that help prevent Tobacco & Alcohol use.

- Fundraiser suggestions; dinner, reverse drawing, tug-of-war, additional sports tournaments.
- Positive comments regarding the facility and how beautiful it is.
- Positive comment regarding availability and cleanliness of the facilities.
- Need for more attention to grounds, especially pocket parks.

VI. ADJOURNEMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:14p.m.