

RECREATION COMMISSION
(The Board has not had a Meeting Quorum since October 2013)

Recreation Commission (City Code Sec. 2-161) – The recreation commission consist of thirteen (13) members from community organizations providing a recreation program for the community and three (3) citizen members representing the citizens at large. (3-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: 2 citizens; 8 community organization members

Current Meeting Schedule: - 3rd Monday; 12:00 p.m., City Manager's Conference Room

Current Members: Keri Hunt, citizen
Eileen Farchmin, Webber International University
Robbie Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club
Patty McKeeman, Lake Wales Pram Fleet
Deborah Rheiner, Police Athletic League (PAL)
Helen Petersen, Green & Gold Foundation

Membership (City Code Sec. 2-161):

Each community organization named in this paragraph shall be entitled to a seat on the recreation commission and shall appoint one (1) delegate who shall serve for a term of three (3) years. A citizen member shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

- (1) Green and Gold Foundation.
- (2) Historic Lake Wales Society.
- (3) Lake Wales Boys and Girls Club.
- (4) Lake Wales Charter Schools.
- (5) Lake Wales Little League.
- (6) Lake Wales PAL.
- (7) Lake Wales Pram Fleet.
- (8) Lake Wales Public Library.
- (9) Lake Wales Soccer Club.
- (10) Lake Wales YMCA.
- (11) Polk County School Board.
- (12) Steelers Football and Cheerleading.
- (13) Webber International University.

A Community organization that is formed for the purpose of providing a recreation program for the youth of the community shall be entitled to one (1) delegate on the recreation commission provided that a majority of the existing members vote to expand the commission to include a delegate from said organization. (3-year term)

Powers (City Code Sec. 2-161) - The recreation commission shall have the power to adopt by-laws, set meeting times and dates, and decide other matters of procedure. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members.

Duties (City Code Sec. 2-162):

- (a) During budget cycles when the city funds a municipal recreation program that includes a recreation director, the recreation commission shall:
 - (1) In coordination with public school officials, all local church organizations, all local service organizations and all local civic clubs, assist in any manner possible the recreation director in matters of public relations between all organizations and the general public.
 - (2) Aid and assist the recreational director in the carrying out of all of the director's powers and duties.

- (b) During budget cycles when the city is unable to fund a municipal recreation program that includes a recreation director, the recreation commission shall:
 - (1) Serve as a steering committee to:
 - a. Coordinate publication of and participation in recreation programs currently run by various parent, church, or other community organizations;
 - b. Identify recreation needs that are not currently being met; and
 - c. Facilitate development of programs by various parent, church, or other community organizations to meet those unmet needs.
 - (2) Serve as liaison between the various parent, church, and other community organizations that provide recreation programs and city staff for the maintenance and improvement of the city's recreation facilities.
 - (3) Make recommendations to city staff for recreation improvements to be included in the city's capital improvement plan.
 - (4) Make recommendations to city staff for program funding assistance to be included in the city's operating budget.
- (c) The recreation commission shall also have the duty to review rules and regulations for use of recreation facilities and make recommendations to the city commission for approval or disapproval of said rules.