

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
June 2, 2010

**Board Attendance Record**

Bill Coy (60/74)  
William Dryburgh (72/80)  
Eugene Leapley (47/53)  
Maria Greenberg (10/11)  
Lou Spacco (6/6)  
John Hitzel (5/6)  
Vacant - District 2

**Present**

William Dryburgh  
Lou Spacco  
Maria Greenberg  
Eugene Leapley  
John Hitzel

**County Representatives**

Bob Starr, Commissioner  
John Jackson, Director  
Jane Ravella, Administrative Assistant I

**Guests**

Skip Wilson, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 87  
Jack Rienks, Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 87  
Joe Blais  
Don McCormick

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the May 5, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

**II. Division Reports**

*Reports were distributed by email to members before the meeting.*

**III. New Business**

- **Joint meeting date set for September 1, 2010 at 1 p.m. at the Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center**
  - The chair stated he hopes all members will be there
  - A lot of good information is relayed
- **Membership Update - High School Representative**
  - Student is not able to make the meetings
  - Director recommended an adult representative instead of a student representative appointment for District 2

***Motion by John Hitzel, seconded by Lou Spacco, for the Director to draft a letter to Commissioner Cummings, with the boards' recommendation, that an adult representative fill the student position recently vacated by Marcus Norman because of the lack of attendance by students at the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings.***

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **Skate Parks Update**

- We are now opening/locking gate on a regular basis; problem on Monday afternoons, no staff available because Oyster Creek Pool is not open on Monday, so the gates are left open on Mondays.
- Emptying trash on a daily basis
- Signs have been ordered and will be here within the next 10 days
- Commissioner Starr sent a letter to the sheriff asking him to patrol the skate park and enforce the established rules. Sheriff agreed he will increase presence at the skate park.
- No new complaints have been received
- At Carmalita Skate Park will allow bicycling at the skate park twice a week, in the near future

##### **Bay Heights Park - Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 87 Discussion**

- 2 representatives from the Coast Guard clarified that their proposed building is 1400 sq. ft, not 14,000 (as stated in the previous minutes).
- Unisex restrooms; building will blend in with the area; discussion ensued.

**A motion was made by Lou Spacco, seconded by John Hitzel to recommend not allowing the construction of the Coast Guard building at Bay Heights Park was unanimously carried.**

#### **V. Sports Council Update**

- Youth Sports Council next meeting for June 9 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Little League issue was discussed
- Adult Sports Council next meeting is July 21 at 6 p.m.

#### **VI. Member Issues**

- The director talked about vandalism at parks recently, John Hitzel asked about security cameras; discussion ensued. Commissioner Starr suggested more visibility by the sheriff is needed.
- Eugene Leapley talked about getting more activity in Charlotte Harbor; asked for help coordinating banners, promotions and contact with the local newspapers. John stated that we would be happy to work with Brian Gleason.
- Chairman represented members at the El Jobean Boat Ramp Ceremony
- Community Garden at South County Regional Park; preliminary design was completed by a master gardener; 4' x 10' plot of vegetables and/or flowers, sign up at the South County Regional Park Recreation Center
  - Fenced site
  - Grant opportunity

#### **VII. Director's Report**

- Moving ahead with the logging/timbering plan
- Volunteers flagged trees
- Commissioner Starr has been involved with this plan; he doesn't feel there will be problems. He complimented Community Services; they have been patient and receptive to concerns.

**VIII. Citizen Input**

- Joe Blais' wife loves the on-line service at the library; commends the county on all the work that they do.
- Don McCormick asked about maintenance for Chadwick Park boardwalk
- There was a suggestion this board make a recommendation to the BCC to change Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to the Community Services Advisory Board and to bring libraries into the realm.

**IX. Announcements**

- None

**X. Upcoming Events**

- Events as listed on the Agenda

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:27 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Robert Skidmore, District 1  
Commissioner Adam Cummings, District 2  
Commissioner Robert Starr, District 3  
Commissioner Richard Loftus, District 4  
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5  
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator