

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
November 3, 2010

**Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh (74/83)  
Eugene Leapley (50/56)  
Maria Greenberg (12/13)  
Lou Spacco (9/9)  
John Hitzel (7/9)  
Sarah Wamack (2/2)

**Present**

Eugene Leapley  
Lou Spacco  
Maria Greenberg  
Sarah Wamack

**County Representatives**

John Jackson, Director  
Deborah Forester, Economic Development Office  
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

**Guests**

Jason Bush, Aaron Kleib, Scott Berryman, Edward R. Horst, Phillip Thierjung, Gwin Whitney, Don Ksymunld, Angelo Bryan, Otto Esterle

**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 October 6, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

**II. Division Reports**

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

**III. New Business**

- **Review of Park Naming application - Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park- Oyster Creek Regional Park**
  - Department/staff recommended approval

***Motion to recommend approval to the BCC of the park naming application in the name of Ann Dever by Maria Greenberg, seconded by Eugene Leapley was unanimously carried.***
- **Discussion of Park Naming - Bill Coy Memorial Park @ Buck Creek Preserve as proposed by the Community Services Department**
  - Staff will complete the application

***Motion to recommend approval to the BCC of the park naming application in the name of Bill Coy by Eugene Leapley, seconded by Maria Greenberg was unanimously carried.***
- **Discuss/approve meeting schedule for 2011**
  - The schedule was approved by the committee as written with the addition of scheduling a second joint meeting for 2011 between the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the Marine Advisory Committee and the Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee for October 5, 2011
  - This schedule will be distributed to the Marine Advisory Committee and the Beaches & Shores Advisory Committee as approved
- **Pilings @ Placida Fishing Pier in Boca Grande**
  - Fishing pier had be closed for a few days
  - Upon further investigation it was discovered that additional pilings were not in good shape; we will be pursuing a structural engineers evaluation

- **Addition to the agenda by Eugene Leapley - discussion of the purchase of land for the extension of the Placida Boat ramp parking lot**
  - Mr. Leapley was opposed to spending 3 million dollars for engineering at this time and feels that costs should be held down
  - Director Jackson responded that it is not going to happen immediately; committee suggested to put down shell to make the spaces available sooner
  - Acquisition closing possible December 2010; this item will come to this committee for a recommendation

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

- **Charlotte Harbor CRA Harborwalk Project - Deborah Forester, Economic Development Office**
  - Ms. Forester gave many handouts of the project which was established in 1992
  - No tax increment funding until 2004
  - Anchor for the pedestrian connection to Punta Gorda
  - FDOT funding for Phase I elements due to the County 2014-2015
  - Seeking advanced funding in 2012; will create a catalyst for surrounding properties to update their properties
  - CRA has been paying for maintenance at foot of the bridge and welcome sign
  - Elizabeth Spicer, part-time Special Events Coordinator, is doing a great job of bringing events to the Bayshore Live Oak Park
  - Land acquisition opportunities next to the Chester Roberts Park for possible kayak launch
  - 90% design completed

**Motion of approval of the Charlotte Harbor CRA Harborwalk Project as outlined presented by Maria Greenberg, seconded by Sarah Wamack was unanimously carried.**

- **Parking Meters Update**
  - The Director reported that the meeting with Tommy White, Deputy Clerk of the Court, on cash handling and auditing procedures went well
  - This will impact the department substantially; collection once a day
  - It will take time to evaluate how this will affect the county
  - Attorney's office is working on changing the fine for parking violations to \$30
- **RFP for Sports Park Management**
  - One response received from Ripken/Rays/Stone Crabs
- **Sign for Larry Nichols Field**
  - Coordination for installation going well

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

- Youth Sports Council next meeting set for November 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Mid-County Library
  - Meetings going well
  - The department is exerting more pressure on the organizations for in-kind services
  - April 1 - 3, 2011 - BMX tract state qualifier event will draw a lot of people
    - Three organizations use Carmalita fields on the weekend and we are trying to get them to stay away this weekend
    - Possibly 500 riders will equate to 1500-2000 people expected to attend
    - April 2 is the opening ceremonies; the members will be getting invitations to this event

**VI. Member Issues**

- Eugene Leapley expressed his thanks for the fence that was installed at the Harbor Heights Park
- Lou Spacco mentioned the Oyster Creek Rotary Fall Festival

**VII. Director's Report**

- JM Berlin/Rotary Skate Park
  - 120 - 140 people attended the party last Saturday
  - PAL representative, Deputy Roger Jernigan attended
  - Friends of the Skate Park are trying to organize and they are working on obtaining a 501c3
- Kiwanis Park - Army Corp of Engineers
  - Clearing is ongoing - the Army Corp of Engineer permit has not yet been obtained
  - Three bee hives were removed; line of sight is much improved

**VIII. Citizen Input**

- Jason Bush, as spokesman for the Disc Golf group, asked about the timeframe for construction at North Charlotte Regional Park for the new ballfield which will be displacing some of the disc golf holes.
  - a. The construction of the baseball field begins approximately March of 2011
  - b. Jason asked for access to South County Regional Park property and potentially build an 18 hole course - the Director will research the area requested, which has FPL easements; 20-40 acres would be needed.
  - c. Jason wanted the members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to know that there was a disc golf community and that a lot of money is available to help.
  - d. The Director encouraged the group to organize and attend the Adult Sports Council.

**IX. Announcements**

- None

**X. Upcoming Events**

- Events as listed on the Agenda

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 2:15 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  
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator  
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator