

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes**  
June 5, 2013

**Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh (102/112)  
Katherine Ariens (24/26)  
Maria Greenberg (37/42)  
Paul Bigness (3/6)  
John Hitzel (37/38)  
Fred Pazona (24/30)

**Present**

John Hitzel  
Maria Greenberg  
Katherine Ariens  
William Dryburgh  
Paul Bigness

**County Representatives**

Commissioner Ken Doherty  
Tommy Scott, Director  
Andy Stevens, Natural Resources & Parks  
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

**Guests**

None

**Call to Order**

Chair Bill Dryburgh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the May 1, 2013 were unanimously approved.

**2. Division Reports**

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

- John Hitzel – Re-establish Sailing Club of Port Charlotte Beach, Super Boat International at Englewood Beach, Second Annual Tippecanoe Trail and Mud Run
  - i. Katherine Ariens questioned what is the upside of having the Super Boat International races in the county?

**3. New Business**

- Charlotte County Nursery
  - Andy Stevens relayed his experiences with other municipalities and that financially, county owned nurseries don't work. It is not cost effective for the county to own the nursery opposed to the prices obtained locally. All other municipalities have shut down their nurseries because of cost. Andy has researched county owned nurseries and he doesn't see it as a viable option; Tommy agreed.

**4. Old Business**

- Recreation Manager Update
  - All the interviews have been completed with three very qualified candidates; it is in the hands of the Human Resources department now, should be completed very soon. Tommy will let you know when a selection has been made and he will invite them to the next meeting for everyone to meet.
- Park Master Plan
  - Two phases to the plan; a needs assessment and developing a plan.
  - The University of Florida will help us with the structure of the plan. We already had a relationship with them and they are very easy to work with.

- Working with FWC & SWFMD on the front end of the process.
- A grant application with State Department of Economic Opportunity to help fund.
- The Park Master Plan evaluates the present, as we are now, and future growth, allows for community input, and is in the developing stage now.

**5. Sports Council Update**

- Youth Sports Council's next meeting is set for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. at Mid-County Regional Library, Administration Conference Room.
  - Maria Greenberg relayed discussion of alcohol in parks. Commissioner Doherty presented background from the County Attorney's office on the current code and relayed four alternatives to consider. Commissioner Doherty recommended that Maria bring option #4 to the Youth Sports Council and come back with a recommendation.

**6. Member Issues**

- John Hitzel – the Parks & Recreation organization is a very viable organization and has a lot of activity.
- Katherine Ariens thanked Commissioner Doherty and staff for the wonderful follow-up.
- Bill Dryburgh – Sunrise Park negative article in newspaper

**7. Director's Report – Tommy Scott**

- CIP Projects (Work Programs)
  - Part of the budget cycle; asked to come back this year with a detailed six year plan of maintenance that will extend the life of our facilities.
  - Katherine Ariens asked when the Master Plan will be completed; Tommy replied the plan was to have it completed in 13 months, but bringing in regulatory agencies may delay the process somewhat.

**8. Citizen Input**

None

**9. Announcements**

None

**Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1  
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2  
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3  
Commissioner Stephen Deutsch, District 4  
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5  
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator  
Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator