

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

January 4, 2023

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 2/2
Maria Greenberg 2/2
Don McCormick 2/2
Kay Tvaroch 2/2
Debra Anlauf 1/2
Erick Toth 2/2
Steven Leskovich 1/1

Present

William Dryburgh
Maria Greenberg
Don McCormick
Kay Tvaroch
Erick Toth
Steven Leskovich

Absent

Debra Anlauf

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Mike Norton, Recreation Supervisor
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Nancy Semon – Daily Sun
Dave Pike – Peace River Picklers

Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff, and visitors to the meeting.

- Roll Call
- Introduction – William Dryburgh introduced Steven Leskovich to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) as the new PRAB District 1 committee member. Mr. Leskovich is an attorney in town and has a Doctor of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership and has lived in SW Florida for the past 24 years with 20 of those years being in Charlotte County.

Mr. Leskovich has two small children that enjoy visiting all the County parks and is looking forward to learning from the other committee members and helping and contributing in any way he can.

- Minutes

Motion to approve the 2022 December Minutes made by Maria Greenberg and Kay Tvaroch 2nd and was unanimously approved.

- Division Reports – November 2022

- Election of officers – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services asked if there were any nominations for the Chairperson for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) for 2023. Maria Greenberg nominated William Dryburgh.

Motion to approve William Dryburgh as Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board made by Maria Greenberg and Don McCormick 2nd and was unanimously approved.

Tommy Scott asked if there were any nominations for the Vice Chairperson for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) for 2023. Erick Toth nominated Maria Greenberg.

Motion to approve Maria Greenberg as Vice Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board made by Erick Toth and Don McCormick 2nd and was unanimously approved.

- Old Business

- **2023 Calendar** – William Dryburgh asked if any changes needed to be made to the 2023 PRAB calendar. The board suggested to change the date of the two field trips in April and October to the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00am.

Motion to move the April 5th meeting to April 4th and the October 4th meeting to October 3rd, both at 11:00a.m. made by Maria Greenberg and Erick Toth 2nd and was unanimously approved.

- **Fee Schedule** – Tommy Scott went over the changes made to the 2023 Fee Schedule. Motion to approve the Fee Schedule as presented made by Erick Toth and Don McCormick 2nd and was unanimously approved.

- New Business
 - I. **Senior Games recap** – Mike Norton, Recreation Supervisor gave a recap of the 2022 Senior Games stating Hurricane Ian did have a significant impact and many events had to be canceled, the registrations were coming in and if it had not been for IAN we were most likely to be in line with the 2021 registrations. There will be challenges with Spring venues going into 2023, but the Fall Games should be on track.

- Sports Council Update
No meeting in December

- Member Issues
None

- Directors Report
 - Tommy Scott congratulated Commissioner Doherty for representing the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for another year and being the liaison to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and thanked him for always doing an amazing job!

 - Tommy Scott gave an update on parks by stating Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park that was being used as emergency housing after the storm has closed that operation on December 15th and is now being assessed for damages. FEMA is still running their Disaster Recovery center out of the Tringali Park facility and will be there until mid-February, and then will also be assessed for damages.

 - We are working with our insurance company and repairing our business centers and offices first where people are working from and then working on recreation centers and parks, by concentrating on sports fields repairing fencing, lighting, bleachers, and signage. We are making significant progress.

William Dryburgh asked what the status of paid parking for Englewood Beach was. Tommy Scott replied by saying it has been put on the next BCC Agenda.

Don McCormick asked if there has been any impact on the community since the state gave the authority to ban smoking at the beaches and parks. Tommy Scott responded by saying no not at this time, there have been articles written and the word is out, but we have had some lag time with installing the signage due to Public Works having thousands of street and traffic signs needing to be replaced from Hurricane Ian.

- Citizens Input
 - Dave Pike, President of Peace River Picklers thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) for their support and in helping grow pickleball in the community by making more dedicated pickleball courts available. Mr. Pike stated his association is well funded and could offer a donation in helping fund the county in converting existing tennis courts to pickleball courts and installing new pickleball courts, and that they are here to support and help in any way they can with what the facilities can use so the community can enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

- Announcement
None

- Upcoming events
None

- Adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5
Hector Flores, County Administrator
Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator