

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

March 1, 2023

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 4/4
Maria Greenberg 4/4
Don McCormick 4/4
Kay Tvaroch 4/4
Debra Anlauf 2/4
Erick Toth 3/4
Steven Leskovich 3/3

Present

William Dryburgh
Maria Greenberg
Don McCormick
Kay Tvaroch
Steven Leskovich

Absent

Debra Anlauf
Erick Toth

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services
Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resources Manager
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

Guests

Nancy Semon

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes
 - Motion to approve the 2023 February Minutes made by Don McCormick and Maria Greenberg 2nd and was unanimously approved.

- Division Reports – January 2023

- Old Business
None

- New Business
 - I. **April PRAB Tour locations** - Tommy Scott offered options for the April Tour and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) agreed on Charlotte Sports Park (CSP). The Board members will meet at CSP on Tuesday April 4th at 11:00am.

 - II. **Cedar Point Environmental Center display** – Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resources Manager gave a presentation with renderings on the Cedar Point Environmental Center and explained as part of the Capital Maintenance Plan there will be two new museum grade displays added inside Cedar Point. The first display will be focused on Mangrove and the waterside with aquariums with animal displays, and all in and around the display there will be areas where children can go inside, climb and play. The second display will focus on the gopher tortoise, there will be a tree with the bald eagle and areas underneath where children can go inside and see the gopher tortoises. Both displays will begin at the end of March.

 - III. **Current Capital Maintenance project status update** – Tina Powell shared a follow-up to last year’s Capital Maintenance projects (CMP) with the status of projects and what has been completed. There were a multitude of projects that were completed including fishing piers, dock replacements, seawall replacements, ramps, restroom renovations, court resurfacing, parking lot resurfacing, irrigation, sports field renovations, ballfield fencing, LED lighting, equipment replacement, playground shade, new outdoor fitness equipment and much more! Several projects are also still in progress and going well.

Commissioner Doherty asked if the CMP update is on the County website and suggested that it would be a great piece of information to make available to the public.

- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
 - Athletic Office changes- Intro to Tim Yurmanovich assuming Dave Plautz role.
 - Post Hurricane Updates, with lights, field conditions, repairs, etc.
 - Concession stand review and updates on what facilities are open and usable.
 - Sports club update information on Board Members, background checks discussion.
 - AED Life Saving devices discussion on where they can be stored. Safety discussion on use.
 - Facility - Field questions for Monty (roundtable)

- Member Issues
Commissioner Doherty encouraged the Board to click on the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) latest Agenda and listen to the Hurricane IAN Update where

Tommy Scott, Patrick Fuller and Travis Perdue did a great job updating on the presentation that Tommy Scott made on Community Service and everything that has taken place after the storm

- Directors Report
 - Tommy Scott gave an update on repairs from Hurricane Ian stating there are only two gymnasiums that are in use at our recreation centers, we are still working with our insurance company to get the others up and running. Pools are all working well except for Port Charlotte Beach, where we are dealing with equipment and fencing issues as well as staffing challenges. Sports lighting is the big issue at most of our parks and we are 4-6 months out on materials. We lost 90-95% of our bleachers, we expect them to be here by end of March. All but 4 playgrounds are up and running.
 - There will be a groundbreaking of the Beirut Tower at William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park March 15th at 10am.
 - The Fee Schedule changes were approved by the BCC at the last meeting. Also, the Englewood Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class proposed to create a sculpture to be placed at Englewood Beach to commemorate Hurricane Ian. An item was put on the BCC Agenda as Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to approve the fundraising and concept of the sculpture which would be the first step and then bring the item back to the BCC later this summer.
 - Facilities has let us know that a product for the topcoat for the Tringali Hockey Rink has been found and they are scheduling time to test it out.
 - Staffing continues to be an issue, but we are making headway and have been promoting from within.
- Citizens Input
- Announcement
None
- Upcoming events
None
- Adjourned at 3:40 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

