

## **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

May 1, 2024

### **Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh 8/8  
Maria Greenberg 6/8  
Don McCormick 6/8  
Kay Tvaroch 6/8  
Robin Cyphert 4/5  
Erick Toth 5/8  
Steven Leskovich 6/8

### **Present**

William Dryburgh  
Maria Greenberg  
Don McCormick  
Kay Tvaroch  
Robin Cyphert  
Steven Leskovich

### **Absent**

Erick Toth

### **Guests**

### **County Representatives**

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison  
Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services  
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager  
Tina Powell, Parks & Natural Resource Manager  
Leah Williams, Recreation Supervisor  
Kristen Huber, Aquatics Coordinator  
Joele Kirkpatrick, Program Assistant  
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes  
Motion to approve the 2024 March Minutes made by Don McCormick and Steven Leskovich 2<sup>nd</sup> and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – April 2024

- Old Business  
**USA Today, Best Spring Training Facility** – Tommy Scott shared that Charlotte County Sports Park won the title of Best Spring Training Facility for 2024, we also won this back in 2014. This was the first year in the last 5 years that we were able to have a full spring training, due to covid, a lockout and a hurricane. Our numbers were back to where they were 5 years ago, and it was a very successful season.

- New Business  
**Summer Camp** – Leah Williams, Recreation Supervisor gave update on summer camp stating they opened registration on March 4<sup>th</sup> and filled up very quickly as always and have a wait list as well. We opened with Harold Avenue Regional Park (HARP), South County Regional Park (SCRCP), Tringali Community Center (TPCC), Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park (ACDRP) and Centennial Park (CP). The program runs May 28<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> and is Monday through Friday 7:15am – 6:00pm. Discovery Camp is Grades K-2 for \$100 weekly, Explorer Camp is Grades 3-5 for \$100 weekly and Adventure Camp is Grades 6-8 and is \$105 weekly. Fees stayed the same as last year.

Total children enrolled this year are 2,496. Some great fieldtrips are planned, and guest speakers are scheduled to come to camp locations. This year we were able to offer scholarships to six (6) families for 10 children for a total of \$2,886, a Grandparent Scholarship is awarded through Human Services and currently we referred three (3) campers to this program and all three were awarded scholarships.

We had a staffing event that 27 people showed up to and we hired 20 of them. Each camp location will have two (2) Camp Supervisors and 4-13 Camp Counselors, depending on location.

- **Centennial Pool** – Kristen Huber, Aquatics Coordinator went over the Centennial pool schedule for the summer and the transition from short side to running the long version. Kristen stated we will be running the long version Monday – Thursday through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will run the short version.
- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
  - Light boxes – please make sure light boxes are being locked-up after usage.
  - Please make sure lights are turned off if you're not using them.
  - YSC Status and Requirements are being tracked/reported monthly. Please make sure all required documentation is up to date. There are still several outstanding documents.
  - Please move practices drills around on the fields to avoid wearing out the same spots.
  - Please send your field usage requests for 2024 AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR

## Facility Status:

ACDRP Football – Restrooms remained closed.

Horse Arena – Well repair/work-Well drilled, waiting for pump to be installed.

HARP Softball- Closed for maintenance May 13 through July 31, 2024.ACDRP Field 3- Closed for resodding May 5 through July 15, 2024

Carmalita-Softball 1,2, & 3 June 5 through August for irrigation repairs and upgrades

CP Baseball-6,7& 8 closed June 24 through August 24 for Field renovations

## Facility/Field Question & Answers with Monty

- Member Issues –

Maria Greenberg asked about having closer restroom facilities near the sports fields at Harold Avenue Regional Park (HARP), there is a long walk to get to the facility and for people with small children it can be an issue. Tommy Scott answered that they are working with the building department and there is a requirement that certain amenities in code require a restroom to be within 500ft. We have it in our plans over next 6-8 years doing 2 restrooms per year, but I don't know where that sports field is timewise in the plan to get the additional restroom. We are working on it.

Bill Dryburgh commented on what a great time was had at the annual Team Builder at Centennial Park where employees participate in challenging and creative games and events.

- Directors Report – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services added to Mr. Dryburgh's comment saying the Team Builder is a great time to see co-workers working together as a team and the creativity is amazing!

Tommy Scott introduced Joele Kirkpatrick, Program Assistant at Centennial Park and currently is in the mentor program in the recreation division and was there to tell everyone of a new project she is working on. Joele stated it is a Youth Engagement Panel and one area is teens 15-18 years of age from different high schools across charlotte county that aren't currently involved school or in our programs and see if the panel can give us ideas for programs that would make them and other teens more interested to engage in programs at our facilities.

Tommy Scott gave update on hurricane repairs and the soft opening at Ann and Chuck Dever Regional Park ((ACDRP), stating the facility is open for a few hours a day, they are finishing the roof now and then can finish the carpeting in the large multi-purpose room.

- Citizens Input -

Announcement  
None

- Upcoming events  
None
- Adjourned at 3:40p.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