

# Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

## Minutes

November 6, 2024

### Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh	2/2
Maria Greenberg	2/2
Vacant – District 2	
Kay Tvaroch	2/2
Robin Cyphert	2/2
Erick Toth	2/2
Steven Leskovich	2/2

### Present

William Dryburgh  
Maria Greenberg  
Kay Tvaroch  
Robin Cyphert  
Erick Toth  
Steven Leskovich

### Absent

### Guest

James Thompson – Englewood Fishing Club  
Rick Rogoski – Englewood Fishing Club  
Casper LaBarbera – Englewood Fishing Club  
Josh Olive – Waterline Magazine

### County Representatives

Ken Doherty	Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott	Director of Community Services
Maureen Broderick	Recreation Manager
Tina Powell	Parks & Natural Resources Manager
Mike Koenig	Resource Manager

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes  
Motion to approve the 2024 October Minutes made by Maria Greenberg and Kay Tvaroch 2<sup>nd</sup> and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports  
Due to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the Division Reports have been postponed until the December meeting.
- Old Business  
**Parks & Recreation Master Plan** – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services will present at the November 19, 2024 Board Workshop. He will bring back the results to the December 4, 2024 meeting.  
**Sports field challenges & Options** – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services will present at the November 19, 2024 Board Workshop. He will bring back the results to the December 4, 2024 meeting.

- New Business
  - Hurricane Helene & Milton update** – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services presented a power point presentation covering various parks showing damage done by Hurricane Helene then by Hurricane Milton. Pictures as well as ariel views of the parks were covered.
- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
  - Still trying to get back online from all the damages done.
  - Did document collections for final updates from all the clubs.
  - Discussed use of the available practice fields, rotating practices because of the heavy use.
  - Scheduling is tight so they are trying to observe the two week rule for scheduling games.
  - Trying to come up with a Christmas present initiative to help families in need.
  - Had Q&A session.
- Member Issues –
  - Kay Tvaroch asked in light of what has happened, does the department have to go back and revisit the Master Plan?
    - Director, Tommy Scott explained the Master Plan is reviewed from time to time and is more of a guide that should survive any issues we have along the way. The Master Plan is a long term plan and is geared towards our growth and any changes, up or down, can be made to the plan.

The extra piece of land we were interested in next to the Placida Boat Ramp was that part of the master plan or something we came up with.

- Director, Tommy Scott explained it's actively in our planning process. It's priority from the Board they wanted the department to explore options.

- Directors Report - None
- Citizens Input
  - Do we have a timeline to when the beaches, boat ramps and fishing piers will be open?
    - Director, Tommy Scott explained all but three of the boat ramps are open. One fishing pier is open. Public Works is working diligently to get Englewood Beach open again. They would like to clear a section of the beach, North or South, and make it operational again.

Have we thought about using natural walkways instead of building boardwalks?

- Director, Tommy Scott explained part of the permit requirements was to build the dune system which creates a natural buffer. When we rebuild the boardwalks, we will make them stronger.

The Englewood Fishing Club would like to know when the fishing piers will be open.

- Director, Tommy Scott explained the costs involved and the timeline the County works against with FEMA. He also explained the permitting process for fishing piers and the time it takes, from the Army Corp of Engineers, to be able to move forward.

Is it possible to get partial access to Bayshore Live Oak Park?

- Director, Tommy Scott explained how unsafe the park is at this time and why we have the fences up. The department is working hard to open the park as soon as possible.

When will the J.M. Berlin/Rotary Skate Park in Englewood be opened?

- Director, Tommy Scott explained the Facilities Department is working with a contractor on the park and he's waiting for the final timeline. Tommy heard it was supposed to be at the end of December 2024 but he just waiting for the final confirmation.

- Announcement

At the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting there will be an update from members of the population projection study. One of the needs will be for a park in South County.

- Upcoming events

None

- Adjourned at 4:14 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