

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

September 4, 2024

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh 10/10
Maria Greenberg 8/10
Vacant – District 2
Kay Tvaroch 8/10
Robin Cyphert 6/10
Erick Toth 7/10
Steven Leskovich 8/10

Present

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

Absent

Guests

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Tina Powell, Parks and Natural Resources Manager
Mike Koenig, Resource Manager
Marc Solomon, Recreation Superintendent
Nancy Pizzino, Recreation Superintendent
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

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

- Roll Call
- Minutes
Motion to approve the 2024 June Minutes made by Maria Greenberg and Erick Toth 2nd and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – May, June & July 2024

- Old Business
None
- New Business
Parks & Recreation Master Plan – Tommy Scott, Director of Community Services presented a hard copy of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan as well as sending via email. Tommy proposed that we reinstitute the October board meeting to be a regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting (PRAB) this year instead of the October Tour as we usually do in October, so that we can present the Parks & Recreation Master Plan presentation by walking everyone through it and answering any questions. This works out timing wise because we are giving a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in October at a BCC workshop, and this way we would have recommendations from the PRAB to bring to them and this also gives ample time to view the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. We would then have the tour in the month of November.

Motion to move the October Tour to November 5th at 11:00am and have a regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting on October 2nd, 2024 at 3:00pm made by Robin Cyphert and 2nd by Maria Greenberg and was unanimously approved.

- **Placida Parcels - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Florida Communities Trust Revised Application** – Mike Koenig, Resource Manager updated the PRAB on the Placida parcels that were for sale and being considered across from Placida Park, Mike informed the board that the BCC has provided us with direction to go ahead and purchase the parcels, Mike provided a handout showing the two parcels purchased and also pointed out two other parcels available that we have put in applications for a grant to purchase, this would also have to go before the BCC for their approval.
- Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
 - Starting to get ready the Fall season for youth sports and getting updated documentation, background checks and insurance.
 - Some of the fields have taken longer on repairs due to the amount of rain we have asked clubs to rotate the usage of the fields.
 - The new dates for the Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run are now looking to late November and early December.
 - We went through the field closure schedules for maintenance and held a Q & A session.
- Member Issues –
William Dryburgh asked about the Placida Bunk house restoration and Tommy Scott responded, that it was requested that a restoration analysis of the Placida Bunk House be done to see what the cost would be to restore it, as of now it is stabilized. We will discuss the final restoration plan and cost at the October BCC meeting.

- Directors Report – Tommy Scott announced that Don McCormick has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and will be greatly missed by everyone. Commissioner Constance will be looking for a replacement for the district 2 vacancy.

Tommy Scott introduced Nancy Pizzino a new Recreation Superintendent at Centennial Park.

Tommy Scott shared that at the recent weeklong Florida Recreation Park Association meeting (FRPA) in Orlando we had approximately 12-15 staff members attend and most presented including himself and stated it was the best FRPA meeting he has attended. State parks was a topic discussed at the Directors breakfast along with AI, which we are actively working as an organization for an AI policy.

Tommy Scott updated everyone on the FEMA projects stating FEMA has 8 approved projects such as shade structures and will now start working with contractors to get them moving. Some of the more complicated projects such as boat ramps needing more analysis, we will continue to work on with FEMA to get approved. Floors at Ann & Chuck Dever Recreation Park and Tringali Park will be finished in a month or so.

- Citizens Input -

Announcement

None

- Upcoming events

None

- Adjourned at 3:50p.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