

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Centennial Park Recreation Center – Large Multipurpose room

Minutes

Board Members

William Dryburgh, Chairman – At Large

Maria Greenberg – Vice-Chair At Large

Steven Leskovich – District 1

Vacant – District 2

Kay Tvaroch - District 3

Robin Cyphert – District 4

Erick Toth – District 5

1. Chairman to Announce:

- Anyone wishing to address the board during this portion of the meeting must state one's name for the record and what agenda subject is to be discussed. Discussion is limited to matters identified on this agenda.
- A gentleman was present and asked if there had been any updates on the piers. He has been collecting petitions from people to present to the Board. Tommy said there has not been any updates as of present. The gentleman also told us that he has seen people on the Placida Pier fishing when it is closed. He also mentioned people in Punta Gorda had been told that they can't fish from bridges or seawalls and Tommy explained that it was a City issue, not County. Tommy would investigate the Placida Pier.

2. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chair

Nomination for Chairman and Vice-Chair by Steve Leskovich who chose to keep William Dryburgh as Chairman and Maria Greenberg as Vice-Chair. No further nominations were made, and Robin Cyphert seconded the motion. Both William and Maria accepted the nominations.

3. Roll Call by Jane Ravella

All Board members were present.

4. Approval of December 2024 Minutes

The chairman asked if anyone had any questions? Motion to approve by Maria Greenberg and seconded by Steven Leskovich.

5. Division Reports

- November 2024 – While the members looked over the reports, Maureen announced that Anne and Chuck Dever Recreation was finally opening Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 since Hurricane Ian. Tommy also announced that they hoped to be opening Port Charlotte Park with moving the fence to open the Basketball courts, Tennis/Pickleball courts, playground and one (1) lane for the boat ramp by the end of the month.

6. **Old Business**

None

7. **New Business**

- Meeting Schedule – Tommy asked if everyone was okay with keeping our meetings at 3PM – all agreed. We will be switching our April 2nd Tour trip for a scheduled meeting in office and May 7th to our Tour trip in place of the scheduled meeting (Time to be determined)? All agreed.
- Community Services Department Fee Schedule – This is for more formatting with the language – Maria Greenberg made the motion to approve and motion second by Robin Cyphert.
- Senior Games – One Page Summary – Leah Williams is taking the place of Mike Norton as Interim Superintendent for West County. She is here to presenting on Senior Games 2024 - 335 Total Participants registered in 2024 compared to 289 in 2023. 332 participant event entries in 2024 compared to 334 in 2023. In 2024 Four events were canceled due to Hurricane Helene and Milton in September – October. The Net Gain for 2024 Senior Games \$3,078.

8. **Sports Council Update** - Erick Toth

- No Meeting in December

9. **Member Issues** – Maria wanted to go back to the people on the Piers – we will still follow up that they should read the signs, maybe change the wording, and keep up with the Sheriffs’ warnings.

10. **Director’s Report** – Welcomed Bernard “George” Deitering, you have gotten a chance to see what we do and you will be at the Board Hearing on the 14th acceptance.

We are welcoming the Ray’s Pitchers and Catchers on Feb. 10th, and their first game will be on the 22nd of February.

We are working on our “Gold Medal Awards” through the National Parks and Recreation Association. We have submitted last year, and in hopes that we might be able to accept an honor this year. Bill said don’t they know that we have the Best Spring Training Facility 2 times 2010 and 2014. It would be a feather in our cap.

Commissioner Ken Doherty wished us all a Happy New Year!

11. **Citizen Input**

12. **Announcement**

13. **Upcoming Events**

14. **Adjournment** – 3:49 pm

There may be one or more Board of County Commissioners in attendance at any given meeting.

