

# Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

**Wednesday, February 5, 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

Bernard G. Deitering – 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.

### **2. Roll Call by Jane Ravella**

Board members present were William Dryburgh, Maria Greenberg, Bernard Deitering, Kay Tvaroch.

Excused – Steven Leskovich and Erick Toth; Absent – no call Robin Cyphert.

### **3. Approval of January 2025 Minutes**

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

### **4. Division Reports**

- No Comments

### **5. Old Business**

- None

### **6. New Business**

- Spring Training Schedule passed out – Rays are unloading and getting ready. Pitchers and Catchers are reporting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, the first squad practice is on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> and the First Game is Feb. 22 with the Boston Red Sox; Last game will be on Mar. 22 also with the Boston Red Sox. There will be a prospect game in the evening on Mar. 13, standby for more information. One thing that won't happen this year is our ambassador program. Hopeful for next year!
- Ainger Creek Park – we applied for a Grant 2022 which never came about – we are asking for the support to have another letter to be drafted and to move forward. Kay Tvaroch made the motion to draft a new letter, Maria Greenberg seconded. Move forward.

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

Erick was not able to make the meeting, but gave us what he had from his meeting:

- **Concession Re-core-reminder**

Lock core replacement is rescheduled to January or February due to Hurricane recovery efforts.

- Each organization has received 7 keys to ensure access once cores have been replaced.

- **Congratulations-Sean Calhoun-Community Services Coordinator-Athletics**

- **Document Collection-reminder**

YSC Status and Requirements are being tracked/reported monthly.

Please send any updates to documents as soon as you have them.

- **Concession Stands**

Any maintenance issues or questions – please contact Sean.

- **Reminder-Please rotate practices before turf gets damaged.**

- **Field Scheduling**

Please send your field usage requests for the remainder 2025 **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS** PRIOR to the first date needed. The sooner the better, organizations call every day looking for field availability!

Please remember fields are not authorized to be used without a Permit issued by the Community Services Department. Please do not give permission for any organization to utilize fields that your organization has a permit for.

- Please ONLY request fields and times you intend to use.

- **Pitch, Hit & Run**

- Thank you - Port Charlotte Little League, and Miss Charlotte for your support.

- **Christmas Present Initiative with the Guardian Ad Litem Organization**

- Thank you, Charlotte Thunder, for participating.

- **Snowbird Classic**

- Meeting to be held 1-13-25 more details to follow.

8. **Member Issues**

- Brief conversation was had by the people in the meeting about the property that was the Port Charlotte Golf Course that the County has bought. This property will be for Master plan as a sports complex. It will be a long venture to remodel.

9. **Director's Report** – Last week Tommy was at a Leadership Conference and did 2 presentations to classes.

- Work is still on going at the beaches, there was so much damage, walkways are still unsafe, and we have to work with outside vendors as well as our own workers, trying to rebuild walkways, and overhead.
- Snowbird Classic is not up to what we knew before, not as many games being played by college teams, but there has been change of ownership. We will be looking forward to 2026 to bring back the college teams.

**10. Citizen Input**

A citizen, Rick Rogoski, had just come back after being away before Helene and he asked for a date that the Englewood Beach was going to reopen as that was his passion being on the beach. Tommy explained that we have a plan, but no dates yet. He asked about access to the south end of Englewood beach through path access point. Tina said she had just answered his email with some access paths. He said Thank you! Maria and Bill let Rick know this is a safety priority.

**11. Announcement**

**12. Upcoming Events**

**13. Adjournment – 3:49 pm**

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