

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 – 3:00 p. m.

Centennial Park Recreation Center – Large Multipurpose Room

Minutes

Board Members

William Dryburgh, Chairman
Maria Greenberg, Vice Chairwoman
Steven Leskovich
Kay Tvaroch
Bernard Deitering
Robin Cyphert
Eric Toth

County Representatives

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison
Michael Koenig, Resource Mgr.
Jane Ravella, Sr. Admin. Assistant

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, Steven Leskovich, Kay Tvaroch, Maria Greenberg, Eric Toth. **Absent** – Robin Cyphert and Bernard Deitering.

Public Comment: South Gulf Cove Boat Ramp

Overview:

Residents, board members, and MSBU representatives voiced strong concern over delays in repairing the South Gulf Cove boat ramp, damaged by Hurricane Ian. Issues of public safety, emergency preparedness, and property values were emphasized.

Key Concerns:

- **Community Need:** Ramp is essential for safe water access, especially before hurricane season.
- **Property Values:** Access loss is impacting home sales and desirability.
- **Permitting Deadline:** Army Corps emergency permit deadline of April 14th cited.
- **Emergency Access:** Existing lock system deemed unreliable in storm scenarios.
- **Cost vs. Value:** \$125,000 repair cost seen as reasonable compared to other county recovery efforts.
- **Delays & Communication:** Over two years of waiting with limited updates and transparency.

- **Funding Questions:** Calls for exploring FEMA reimbursement or alternate funding sources.
- **Temporary Use:** Requests for safe, short-term repair solutions.

Motion by Eric Toth:

Request the Community Services Director to meet with County Administration to:

1. Confirm April 14th Army Corps emergency permitting deadline.
2. Explore temporary ramp repair options.
3. Add South Gulf Cove boat ramp discussion to BCC April 8th agenda.

Seconded by: Kay Tvaroch

Motion Passed Unanimously

3. Approval of March 2025 Minutes

The chairman asked if anyone had any questions? None. Motion to approve by Kay Tvaroch and seconded by Erick Toth. Motion passed without objection.

4. Division Reports

No comments

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

May 7th Tour Locations – Rotonda Park, Englewood East, Englewood Beach.

Meet here at Centennial Park at 11 a.m.

Communication and Marketing Plan – PR Manager Breanna Benevenga presented campaign performance using Placer.ai data.

Campaigns - linked to increased park attendance.

7. Sports Council Update – Erick Toth

Erick said at the last meeting they were discussing the problems at Carmalita Park with maintenance, vandalism, and bathroom locks; the need to teach the fact of checking batteries especially the AED. South County pool maintenance continues. Easter event planned at Harold Avenue Rec Center on April 12.

8. Member Issues

None

9. Director's Report

Mike Koenig, Resource Manager, covered for Tommy Scott, with a few notes: Active projects are Playground Shades, flagpole replacements, boardwalk repairs, pier rebuild designs. Note: These projects are advancing using already-approved capital funds.

10. Citizen Input

11. Announcement

12. Upcoming Events

13. Adjournment – 4:34 p.m.

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