

January 16th, 2025
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
4:30PM – GROWTH MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
MARTIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
2401 SE MONTEREY RD STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

District 2 Vice Chair.....Casey Cass
 District 4..... Larry Sofield
 At-Large..... Gary Clough
 At-Large, Chair Jack Mathison
 At-Large..... Craig Taylor

ABSENT

District 1.....Vacant
 District 3..... Anthony Burr
 District 5..... David Bradford Jr
 At-Large..... Michael Bocchino

STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Director Kevin Kirwin
 Recreation Planning & Grant CoordinatorKatie Comack

OTHERS PRESENT

Sheriff's Department..... Deputy Joesph Angelico

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:52pm.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS

NONE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes: November 21st 2024 MINUTES

**** Gary Clough motioned to approve Minutes.**
**** Larry Sofield seconded, and the motion carried 5-0**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

5. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sheriff's Department Update

Deputy Joseph Angelico shared information about community policing unit and new Sheriff John Budensiek was sworn in. Discussion.

6. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Heads Up

Larry Sofield asked about potential addition of cameras to Langford Park to address recent vandalism. Kevin Kirwin shared there is a proposal to add cctv cameras to the park. Discussion.

2. FY25 Fixed Asset Replacement Budget (FARB)

Kevin Kirwin shared the FY25 FARB and reviewed list of projects. Discussion.

8. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RELATED ITEMS TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Kirwin shared department is applying with State Department of Forestry grant to add native plants to replace exotics that were removed from Sailfish Sands Golf Course.

9. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

NONE

10. RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR MEMO TO BOCC

NONE

11. COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

1. Date of Next Meeting

Jack Mathison informed the members that the next meeting will take place on February 20th, at 4:30PM. The location of the next meeting will be at the Growth Management Conference Room, Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road Stuart, FL 34996.

2. Members

Craig Taylor asked about the opening of Bathtub Beach. Kevin Kirwin shared it would be opening Friday January 17, 2025. Discussion.

Larry Sofield asked about potential of adding overview of parks to each meeting. Discussion.

3. Staff

Kevin Kirwin shared there was a fire at the Jensen Beach restrooms and café and the incident is still under investigation.

Kevin Kirwin shared information about the Charlie Leighton Park and Boat Ramp renovation. Discussion.

4. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

*** Gary Clough motioned to adjourn the meeting.**

**** Larry Sofield seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.**

Jack Mathison, Chair

Date

Kevin V. Abbate, Parks and Recreation Director, MPA, CPRP

Date