

January 16, 2020
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
5:00PM – GROWTH MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

District 1.....Mike Antheil
District 3..... Rob Kloska
District 4.....William Patrick Lepak
District 5.....Jacqueline Blake
At-Large..... Edward Rao
At-Large.....Jennifer Ahern
At-Large.....Michael Bocchino

ABSENT

District 2.....Vacant
At-Large.....Jack Mathison

STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Director.....Mark Lynch
Recreation Administrator.....Katya Lysak
Recreation and Event Specialist..... Sarah Cortino
Parks Safety and Operations Administrator.....Jim Lopilato
Recreation Coordinator Sports/Athletics.....Dave Gladding

OTHERS PRESENT

Sheriff's Department.....Deputy Joe Angelico
Hobe Sound Little League President.....Chris Norton
Director of Coaching for Hobe Sound Soccer Club.....Julie Hemsley
Recreation Commissioner for Hobe Sound Soccer Club.....Chris Carey

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: November 21, 2019

*** Rob Kloska motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**** Mike Bocchino seconded and the motion carried 6-0.**

3. STAFF/MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

A. Staff Introductions

1. Mark Lynch notified the PRAB members that Katya Lysak won the P.R.O.P. award for Martin County Parks and Recreation and presented Rob Kloska with the Volunteer of the Year award. Discussion.
2. Mark Lynch informed that the representative for the Hobe Sound Ravens, Sheena Morrisroe, will not be attending the meeting but wished to be added to the February agenda.

B. PRAB Member Introductions

None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Introductions

All YSP representatives introduced themselves and described their positions.

5. PRESENTATIONS**A. Sheriff's Department Update**

Deputy Angelico informed the PRAB members that there was some graffiti found on the Jensen Beach Causeway consistent with gang tagging but was covered immediately. He also mentioned that some sailboats have been propping up dinghies on the beach. Discussion.

B. Hobe Sound Youth Sports Providers

Parks and Recreation, along with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) invited all the Youth Sports Providers (YSP's) to attend a PRAB meeting and give a presentation. In order to foster cooperation and keep the meetings manageable, it was decided that we would group them together based on the geographical location of each. So, the Hobe Sound area YSP's were invited in January, the Jensen Beach/North County YSP's are invited in February, the Palm City YSP's are invited in March and the Mid-County YSP's are invited in April.

The YSP's were given direction to give a presentation of their program (i.e. sport, location, season, participation numbers, age groups, number of coaches, volunteers, trends, etc.) along with any issues /concerns/needs that they may have related to programs, facilities, services and how the Parks and Recreation Department is meeting their needs.

Chris Norton, President of Hobe Sound Little League, gave a PowerPoint presentation depicting the season, number of volunteers, participation numbers, age groups, number of coaches, concerns, and accomplishments of the program. He spoke regarding their special needs program, scholarships, and their enhanced safety program. He noted that they re-chartered the fastpitch softball program. He also explained the changes in boundaries that have added participants to their program. He mentioned the number of participants and prices to play as well as how fiscally responsible the league is. He highlighted the need for fields as the league is growing rapidly. Discussion.

Julie Hemsley, Director of Coaching for Hobe Sound Soccer Club, mentioned that the program had been going through a restructuring phase but now the base is strong. They have a very strong micro program that runs in the fall. There are 81 participants and they play in the Treasure Coast League. They have a mentoring program for referees and Top Soccer which is their special needs program. They also have a Happy Feet Program for participants 2-7 years of age and there are currently 22 enrolled. She continued by mentioning the need for field repairs and offered to clean up the concession stand. She finished by mentioning the current challenges facing the league which were keeping numbers up, working together with other sports, and keeping children playing soccer. Chris Carey, Recreation Commissioner for Hobe Sound Soccer Club, mentioned the need for meeting rooms. All YSP representatives agreed. All parties then exchanged their contact information and there was extensive discussion on working together in the future to benefit all sports. Discussion.

C. Project Updates

None.

D. Events and Activities

Katya Lysak distributed fliers on the various programs and events that Parks and Recreation is providing and answered questions regarding adventure platform tents and beach bonfires. Discussion.

E. Sailfish Splash Update

None.

F. Martin County Golf Course Update

Mark Lynch informed that the groundbreaking took place today. Discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Selection of PRAB Chair and Vice Chair

Mark Lynch mentioned that the selection of Chair and Vice Chair are coming up soon. Discussion.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Golf Course Naming

Mark Lynch reported that students from local schools will be submitting names for the golf course. Discussion.

B. Sales Tax Project List

Mark Lynch asked for feedback regarding the list he emailed to all PRAB members. He displayed the list and described what each section represented. He explained how partnerships with the Parks and Recreation Department work in relation to how projects are chosen to complete. Discussion.

C. Discuss YSP Presentations

None.

8. COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

A. Date of Next Meeting

Mark Lynch informed the members that the date of the next meeting is February 20, 2020 at Sailfish Splash Waterpark, 931 Ruhnke St., Stuart, FL 34994.

B. Public Discussion

None.

C. Members

None.

D. Staff

None.

9. ADJOURN

* **Mike Bocchino motioned that the meeting be adjourned.**

** **Rob Kloska seconded and the motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Jacqueline Blake, Chair

Date

Mark Lynch, Deputy Director

Date

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