

December 7, 2020
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
5:00PM – INDIAN RIVERSIDE PARK
1707 NE INDIAN RIVER DRIVE, JENSEN BEACH, FL 34957

PRESENT

District 1..... Mike Antheil
District 2..... Thomas Campenni
District 5..... Jacqueline Blake
At-Large..... Jack Mathison
At-Large..... Michael Bocchino

ABSENT

District 3..... Rob Kloska
District 4..... Patrick William Lepak
At-Large..... John Sedwitz
At-Large..... Jennifer Ahern

STAFF PRESENT

Director..... Kevin Abbate
Deputy Director..... Mark Lynch
Recreation Administrator..... Katya Lysak
Recreation and Event Specialist..... Sarah Cortino

OTHERS PRESENT

Pickleball Player..... Marcie Jacobs
Pickleball Player..... Steven Stock
Pickleball Player..... Lisa (no last name given)
Pickleball Player..... Pam Dallas
Pickleball Player..... Mike Robano
Pickleball Player..... Maria Vershel
Pickleball Player..... Pete Previd

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. HYBRID MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Mark Lynch gave the PRAB members instructions on how a hybrid remote public meeting should be conducted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: November 16, 2020

*** Thomas Campenni motioned to have Jackie Blake act as chair.**

**** Mike Bocchino seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.**

*** Tom Campenni motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**** Mike Bocchino seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.**

4. STAFF/MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

A. Staff Introductions

None.

B. PRAB Member Introductions

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

* **Mike Antheil motioned to move Public Comment to after Presentations and Projects.**

** **Jack Mathison seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.**

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

None.

7. PROJECTS

Kevin Abbate, Parks and Recreation Director, gave updates on the following projects:

A. Spending

Kevin Abbate gave a detailed overview of how the Parks and Recreation Department spends its funds, what it budgets for, and how it decides to spend its funds and prioritize projects. He also explained the Fixed Asset Replacement Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

B. Phipps Park

Kevin continued by detailing where the campground is in terms of construction. He noted that all current electric sites are booked for the season and there is a large waiting list. All electric sites both new and existing will also be 50-amp sites.

C. Stuart Beach

Kevin continued by describing what is happening at Stuart Beach in terms of the parking lot expansion, the construction of the Seaside Café. He noted that the café is slated to open in March.

D. Sailfish Sands Golf Course

Kevin mentioned that the reversible nine golf course will open on January 1, 2021. He noted that parking lot construction started last Friday, and the clubhouse and pro shop are in permitting currently. Discussion.

E. IRSP Seawall Repair

Kevin spoke regarding a grant for the repair of the seawall and that the Parks and Recreation Department just awarded a bid for the repair that was a couple hundred thousand dollars under what was expected.

F. Jensen Beach Mooring Field

Kevin mentioned that it should be open for business within the next ten days and that the harbor master has been hired.

G. Sandsprit Park Boat Ramp Renovation

Kevin mentioned that it is out for permits currently and more grants are being sought to cover the expenses of the repairs.

H. Pineapple Park Playground/Master Plan

Kevin Abbate mentioned that they are wrapping up the design of the roof and they are finalizing the choice of the playground type. He also noted that they are in the beginning stages of the Pineapple Park Master Plan where the construction will be finished, and fields possibly added.

I. Charlie Leighton Park Improvements

Kevin mentioned that they are at 60% design plans for the park currently and that a new field will be built at Citrus Grove Park for the displaced teams to use.

J. Chastain Beach Restroom

Kevin continued the updates by noting that the restrooms had been destroyed by a recent hurricane and talks have taken place as to whether they should be replaced or not.

K. Indian Riverside Park/Parking Lot Expansion/Langford Pavilion First Floor Renovation

Kevin noted that the U.S. Sailing Center has a grant to cover building a new parking lot that the Sailing Center can use. He continued by mentioning that the first floor of the Francis Langford Dockside Pavilion will be converted into a bride and groom room, an office space, and a gathering place for events.

8. NEW BUSINESS**A. GOALS FOR 2021**

Mark Lynch informed that the PRAB members may wish to design some goals for themselves. He mentioned what will happen at the beginning of the year as well.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT**A. Pickleball**

Mark Lynch informed the public that they will each be limited to three minutes in the interest of time. Marcie Jacobs, pickleball player, spoke regarding adding more pickleball courts to Langford Park. All other speakers spoke regarding the same topic and offered ideas for solutions to the lack of courts in the Jensen Beach area. Thomas Campenni requested data regarding how many pickleball players there are vs. tennis players as well as how much it costs to convert tennis courts into pickleball courts. Kevin Abbate responded to questions. Discussion.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. COMMENTS/DISCUSSION**A. Date of Next Meeting**

Mark Lynch informed the members that the next meeting will take place on January 21st, 2021 at 5:00PM. The location of the next meeting will be at Indian Riverside Park, second floor of the Francis Langford Dockside Pavilion at 1707 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957.

B. Public Discussion

None.

C. Members

None.

D. Staff

Mark Lynch mentioned that this will be the last meeting with Sarah Cortino as she is leaving Martin County Parks and Recreation for a position elsewhere.

12. ADJOURN

* **Thomas Campenni motioned that the meeting be adjourned.**

** **Jack Mathison seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Jackie Blake, Acting Chair

Date

Mark Lynch, Deputy Director

Date

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