

**February 20, 2020**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**

**5:00PM – SAILFISH SPLASH WATERPARK**  
**931 RUHNKE STREET, STUART, FL 34994**

**PRESENT**

District 1.....Mike Antheil  
District 2.....Thomas Campenni  
District 4.....William Patrick Lepak  
District 5.....Jacqueline Blake  
At-Large.....Jack Mathison  
At-Large.....Edward Rao  
At-Large.....Jennifer Ahern  
At-Large.....Michael Bocchino

**ABSENT**

District 3.....Rob Kloska

**STAFF PRESENT**

Deputy Director.....Mark Lynch  
Special Facilities Administrator.....Todd Foust  
Marketing Manager.....Nancy Johnson  
General Manager.....Brian Green  
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 Andy Adams  
Jensen Beach Soccer Club President.....Cyndi Molnar  
Treasure Coast Athletic Association President.....Jay Clark

**\* Indicates a motion**

**\*\* Indicates a vote**

**\*\*\* For the record comment**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Minutes:** January 16, 2020

**\* Patrick Lepak motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented.**

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

**3. STAFF/MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. Staff Introductions**

All staff members introduced themselves and spoke regarding their positions with the County.

**B. PRAB Member Introductions**

All PRAB members introduced themselves and shared information about themselves and why they chose to be on the PRAB board.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A. Introductions**

All YSP representatives introduced themselves and described their positions.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Sheriff's Department Update**

Deputy Adams informed the PRAB members that there was some graffiti found on the Jensen Beach Causeway consistent with gang tagging but was covered immediately. He noted that spring break is approaching and the Sheriff's Department is stepping up their patrols due to the expected increase in beach patronage. Discussion.

### **B. North County 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.

Cyndi Molnar, President of Jensen Beach Soccer Club, informed that they are one of the founding members of the Treasure Coast Soccer League and they are governed by the Florida Youth Soccer Association. She noted that their main season is August through December and Pineapple Park is their main field. She mentioned that during the fall season they had 230 players and 36 volunteer coaches. Their winter season is much smaller due to players playing other sports. She noted that during spring they are unable to have programs with other clubs so they focus mainly on the youngest players and it is only a six-week program. She noted that they have three competitive teams and their fees go directly for their operating costs. She mentioned that their main concerns are lack of volunteers, trespassing on the fields, theft of items, competition with for profit groups, the inability to field teams due to low numbers of older players, and the swampy condition of the fields. Discussion.

Jay Clark, President of Treasure Coast Athletic Association, informed that they are a recreational softball Babe Ruth League and have age groups from 8U up to 18. They also have a 14U travel team. They have a regular fall and spring season for recreation and summer is dedicated to the World Series. They are a non-profit organization that utilizes all volunteers. All volunteers are subject to an extensive background screening and all Board members and coaches go to sexual harassment and concussion trainings. They host the Babe Ruth World Series every year and bring in 75 to 80 teams which results in a 6.1-million-dollar impact to the County. Discussion.

### **C. Project Updates**

Mark Lynch mentioned that the restroom at Pat Mark Rio Skate Park is nearing the punch list phase. Jim Lopilato mentioned that the new restroom/changing room at Indian Riverside Park is close to completion and that a complete renovation of the Hobe Sound Beach restrooms is finished. He also noted that two tennis courts at Lance Corporal Justin Wilson Memorial Park will be turned into six Pickleball courts. Mark Lynch continued by mentioning that all the adventure camp sites at Phipps Park are completed and being heavily reserved. Brian Green spoke regarding the painting at Sailfish Splash Waterpark. Discussion.

### **D. Events and Activities**

Mark Lynch distributed fliers on the various programs and events that Parks and Recreation is providing and answered questions regarding Music at the Mansion the Beach Movie Night. Discussion.

### **E. Sailfish Splash Update**

Todd Foust mentioned that Sailfish Splash is entering its ninth season and it will be open for the upcoming spring break. He noted all the work being completed in preparation for the opening on March 14<sup>th</sup>. He noted

that following spring break the park will be open weekends only until summer. Brian Green noted that the waterpark is currently hiring and Todd Foust described how to apply and that salaries have been raised in comparison to years past. Discussion.

**F. Martin County Golf Course Update**

Mark Lynch informed that construction has begun on the course. Discussion.

**6. NEW BUSINESS****A. Election of New PRAB Chair and Vice Chair**

- \* **Mike Bocchino motioned to nominate Patrick Lepak for Chair.**
- \*\* **Thomas Campenni seconded and the motion carried 7-0.**
- \* **Mike Bocchino motioned to nominate Jen Ahern for Vice Chair.**
- \*\* **Jackie Blake seconded and the motion carried 7-0.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****A. Golf Course Naming**

Mark Lynch mentioned that the Golf Course Naming Subcommittee met on February 5<sup>th</sup> and narrowed down all the names that were submitted. He noted that the name they chose to send to the County Commissioners for approval was Sailfish Sands. There were also two alternatives in case the full PRAB Board disagreed with their choice. Discussion.

- \* **Jack Mathison motioned that Sailfish Sands be the name for the golf course that goes before the Board of County Commissioners.**
- \*\* **Thomas Campenni seconded and the motion carried 7-0.**

**B. Sales Tax Project List**

Mark Lynch reminded the PRAB members that they asked that the list was brought back updated with where projects currently are. Mark then displayed the new updated list. The PRAB members requested that it be sent to them for further review and the item be added to the next meeting's agenda for discussion. 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 March 19, 2020 at the Martin County Administration Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996.

**B. Public Discussion**

None.

**C. Members**

None.

**D. Staff**

Mark Lynch asked the PRAB members if they wanted him to invite a member of the County Attorney's Office to a meeting to go over the Sunshine Laws. The members stated that it is not necessary at this time. Discussion.

**9. ADJOURN**

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

\*\* **Jack Mathison seconded and the motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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Patrick Lepak, Chair

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Date

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Mark Lynch, Deputy Director

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