

August 20, 2020
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
4:30PM – BLAKE LIBRARY
2351 SE MONTEREY ROAD, STUART, FL 34996

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

District 3..... Rob Kloska

STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Director..... Mark Lynch
Recreation Administrator..... Katya Lysak
Recreation and Event Specialist..... Sarah Cortino
Recreation Coordinator Sports/Athletics.....Dave Gladding
Parks Superintendent..... Drew Wolcott
Parks Superintendent.....Andy Pearson
Athletics Assistant.....Ed Cook

OTHERS PRESENT

Sheriff's Department.....Deputy Andy Adams
Sheriff's Department..... Deputy Joe Angelico
Martin County Marlins Baseball President..... Ric Baldwin
Martin United Soccer Club President..... Rich Creber
Treasure Coast Hockey-Filling in for President.....Dennis Able

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

***** For the record comment**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 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: June 18, 2020

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

**** Jack Mathison seconded, and the motion carried 8-0.**

4. STAFF/MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

A. Staff Introductions

None.

B. PRAB Member Introductions

John Sedwitz introduced himself and gave some of his background information.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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

Deputy Angelico informed the PRAB members that there were more car gatherings at the Jensen Beach Causeway and some disruptive behavior occurred. He requested clarification on event permitting processes and inquired as to whether this type of gathering required a permit. He noted that the Sheriff's Office has been handling and they will continue to do so. Discussion.

B. 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. These dates were later updated due to COVID-19.

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.

Dave Gladding introduced the Youth Sports Providers and which parks are the home parks for their leagues. Discussion.

Ric Baldwin, President of Martin County Marlins Baseball, gave a brief history of the league and current operations. He stated that as a result of their association with Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Leagues, that they were the host team for the 9U World Series last season, this season, and most likely next season. He mentioned that it would be beneficial to have it at Wojcieszak Park but there is a requirement for Wi-Fi. PRAB members inquired as to any issues at their park and the only request was to see where the park is on the list for Wi-Fi installation. Discussion.

Dennis Able, filling in for the President of Treasure Coast Hockey, introduced himself and informed regarding the league. The requests they have are the ceiling fans repaired at the hockey rink and the floor be covered with Sport Court tile. Andy Pearson, Park Superintendent, mentioned that they are waiting on parts to repair the ceiling fans. There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of Sport Court tile.

Rich Creber, President of Martin United Soccer Club, gave a brief history of the organization and its current operations. He mentioned that the organization is happy to invest in their community and there is a need for all-weather turf. The cost of the turf has been prohibitive, however, and they have offered to assist the County with the cost in the past. There are also a few issues that they would like resolved. There is a significant drainage issue at Justin Wilson Park, Thorguard lighting detectors are needed at a few parks, and restroom vandalism is a common issue. Prices of Thorguard systems were discussed.

Mark Lynch informed that the PRAB members have heard from all the YSP's except for the Hobe Sound Ravens, the Martin County South Youth Athletic Association, and the Martin County Jaguars Football Club. He requested guidance as to whether to reach out to them again. The PRAB members stated that would not be necessary as they were invited multiple times already.

Dave Gladding Sports and Athletics Supervisor for the County was introduced again and informed regarding the Parks and Recreation Youth Sports Providers' Agreement, how it works, and how the County interacts with the YSP's. Andrew Wolcott discussed how the Operations Division functions and interacts with the YSP's. Discussion.

Mark Lynch mentioned that the list of requests from the leagues will be updated and sent out to all PRAB members. He noted that the PRAB members can discuss consistent requests and see what can be done.

C. Child Care Updates

Katya Lysak informed the PRAB members that the recreation staff and summer camp were both affected by COVID-19. There were temporary closures and some staff and summer camp participants were sent home for possible exposures. After school programs began on August 11th and the number of participants allowed has been reduced due to social distancing measures. Discussion.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Sales Tax Project List**

None.

B. Discuss YSP Presentations

None.

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

Mark Lynch informed the members of the difficulty of preparing a hybrid meeting and suggested the September meeting be skipped.

* **Patrick Lepak motioned the next meeting be on October 15th, 2020.**

** **John Sedwitz seconded, and the motion carried 8-0.**

The location of the next meeting will be at The Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996.

Thomas Campenni inquired as to whether there would be a similar conflict with scheduling the Blake Library room at that time and date. Mark Lynch stated he was not sure but would update the PRAB members if the date or time needed to be changed.

B. Public Discussion

None.

C. Members

None.

D. Staff

None.

10. ADJOURN

* **Patrick Lepak motioned that the meeting be adjourned.**

** **Mike Bocchino seconded, and the motion carried 8-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Patrick Lepak, Chair

Date

Mark Lynch, Deputy Director

Date

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