

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL – SECOND FLOOR – CONFERENCE ROOM
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
APRIL 18, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD of the City of Port orange was called to order by Chairman Wiles at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Wiles, Chairman
Mark Bowling
Robert Maxwell
Maria Mills-Benat
Patricia Barraco
John Cameron (arrived late)
Bobby Ball, Vice Chairman
James H. Richard Jr.
Michael Navarra (arrived late)

Absent: Julie Day

Also Present: Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Abbate, City Clerk's Office

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Member Mills-Benat to nominate Member Wiles for Chairman, seconded by Member Ball. Member Wiles accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Member Mills-Benat to nominate Member Ball for Vice Chairman, seconded by Member Bowling. Member Ball accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes

Motion made by Member Bowling to approve the minutes for the meeting held October 18, 2016, Seconded by Member Mills-Benat. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Foundation update

Chairman Wiles said he and Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, will be meeting with Jake Johansson, City Manager, on April 19th, 2017 regarding the Foundation. He will have an update for the Board at the joint meeting with City Council.

4. Southwinds Fence

Ms. Lovallo said the soccer club has withdrawn their request to help with the fence at Southwinds so it will not be replaced at this time.

Ms. Lovallo said there is a soccer academy that would like to have a partnership with the City. She said this will be discussed at the joint meeting with City Council on April 25, 2017.

5. River 2 Sea Trail and Sidewalk GAP update

Ms. Lovallo said there are no new updates.

D. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.

- Park Naming Policy - This policy has come before this Board as well as City Council and the new policy is now in place.
- Administrative office relocation for more community space at the Gym - The administrative offices will be relocating to the old police department in about a year or 18 months when the renovation is completed. The building will need a new name and a suggestion was to name it after Mr. Dubois, the first Mayor of Port Orange.
- Spruce Creek Canoe & Kayak Launch - There is an "Enter at Your Own Risk" sign and a waiver for people to sign that have been collected by staff every week.
- Kayak Lease at Riverwalk - This is working out okay even with the construction going on in that area. The grand opening was scheduled for April 26, 2017 and will need to be rescheduled. There is a demo day scheduled for April 29, 2017
- Wheelchair swing grant - The City didn't get the wheelchair swing grant. There was a change in grant writers and Ms. Lovallo was unsure what happened with the grant.
- Stallion Participation Agreement - The season is over. There were no problems and minimal damage to the fields. Ms. Lovallo also updated the Board on the budget and upcoming events.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Enslin, Flagler Area Biking Club, talked about some of the trails that the bike club manages that include Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve. Mr. Enslin wanted to inform the Board of the

work this organization does and that they would like to extend into the Port Orange area. Ms. Lovallo said Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve is a joint property owned and operated by Volusia County, the state of Florida, and the City of Port Orange. She also said Flagler Area Biking Club currently has permission to cut trails. They also maintain them and keep up with the signage that marks the trails. Member Barraco asked if someone gets hurt and needs help, what do they do? Mr. Enslin said the Club is working to get signs out there like the mile markers on the highway so people will be able to use them to pinpoint their location in case of an emergency.

Motion made by Member Mills-Benat to recommend the trail expansion onto City property at Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve, Seconded by Member Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Board discussed what they will bring before City Council at the workshop on April 25, 2017.

F. BOARD COMMENTS

There were none

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

7. Next Regular Meeting Date: 7/18/17
Annual Joint Meeting with City Council: 4/25/17

H. ADJOURNMENT: 6:31 p.m.



Chairman Wiles