

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVENUE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 5:15 P.M.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Bowling at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Mark Bowling
Maria Mills-Benat
Michael Navarra
James Richard Jr.

Absent: John Cameron (excused)
Bobby Ball (excused)
Shawn Holmes (unexcused)

Also Present: Susan Lovallo, Park and Recreation Director
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - July 21, 2020

*Motion to approve the minutes as presented
from July 21, 2020 was made by Member Mills-
Benat and Seconded by Member Navarra.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

3. Briefing on Joint Meeting with Council

Chairman Bowling provided an overview of the discussion held with Council August 25, 2020 regarding renovations on the Rec Center and what the board would like to see worked on in the future.

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, informed the Board that based on recommendations from them the design to the Rec Center changed, and it's a requirement that the city receives an engineering estimate before going out to bid. The City received an estimate of 3 million dollars. Ms. Lovallo informed the Board the Parks & Rec Department had not budgeted for that much, so they had to go to Council and ask to use impact fees. It is not up for bid at this time but is estimated to go to bid in January.

C. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lovallo stated that due to COVID-19 there has not been a lot of activity going on with the Parks Department. The City is still holding Trunk or Treat this year while following CDC guidelines. The City is revisiting the topic of holding the Christmas Parade, but has not decided

at this time. The tree lighting ceremony will be held virtually, and the Parks Department is attempting to plan smaller events and more decorations through the holidays.

Ms. Lovallo discussed the possible fund-raising event with the rotary club the week of Veteran's week at Riverwalk Park. She informed the Board that sports have started again with youth baseball and softball in their second week, tennis beginning the week of October 20, 2020 and volleyball registration beginning the following week. Ms. Lovallo appreciates all the work staff has done to keep the community involved and engaged.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

E. BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Bowling asked for an update on the Airport Road playground. Ms. Lovallo stated it is in the system but hasn't started yet. Chairman Bowling asked if volunteers would be worth it. Ms. Lovallo stated there is a lot involved for the City with setting up volunteers.

Chairman Bowling discussed finding some topics of interest for the Board to discuss and work on. Member Navarra suggested looking into acquiring more land for parks.

The Board discussed possible park options and locations. They asked for this item on the January 19, 2021 agenda.

F. NEXT MEETING DATE

4. Next Meeting Date: January 19, 2021

G. ADJOURNMENT – 6:12 p.m.


Chairman Mark Bowling