

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVENUE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
APRIL 20, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Bowling at 5:25 p.m.

Present: Mark Bowling, Chairman
Bobby Ball
Michael Navarra
John Cameron

Absent: James Richard (excused)
Maria Mills-Benat (excused)
Shawn Holmes (unexcused)

Also Present: Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director
Peter Ferreira, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - January 19, 2021

*Motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2021 as presented was made by Member Cameron and Seconded by Member Navarra.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

3. Future Park Planning in the Comprehensive Master Plan

Peter Ferreira, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director, informed the board the process to update the Comprehensive Master Plan has just started and staff is aware of the desire to include the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in future discussion.

4. Review and Discuss City Maps

Chairman Bowling asked about Epiphany Church's interest in purchasing White Place Park and if the City sold it, could the proceeds go to buying more park land. Mr. Ferreira responded that the city is in favor of keeping the park as it is the only one in the area. He discussed the City's desire to expand the pickle ball courts, add retention ponds, and add a small playground on that parcel.

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, informed the Board of the City's desire to add 100 acres to Coraci Park which would address many of the interests the Board has expressed such

as more soccer and multipurpose fields. She believes the additional fields with the Coraci Expansion would meet the public need for fields as it is now.

Chairman Bowling noted the importance of being included in the Comprehensive Master Plan as he would like to see ample parks for growth twenty years in the future.

Mr. Ferreira stated it is important to be mindful of the trends and the trend right now is open green space for members of the community to come out and bring their own activities. He doesn't want to over program a space as long as there are plenty of playgrounds in the City. Member Navarra is in favor of the multipurpose green spaces.

Ms. Lovallo stated there are areas in the City that have been counted as park land but are school land the City shares per agreements. She expressed hesitation with making changes to the schools' property as it has been done in the past and then access was taken away by the school.

Mr. Ferreira thanked the GIS department for their work on the map.

5. Review Parks Department Assessment of Parks with Tree Needs

Mr. Ferreira and staff went out to the various parks and assessed the damaged trees, infected trees, and any additional tree needs. He found the following: Spruce Creek Road Park needs 4 trees, All Children's Park needs 6 trees, Bushman Park needs 10 trees and Airport Road Park potentially needs 10 trees. Steve Edgar, City Forester, Mr. Ferreira and staff will begin planting and replacing trees as needed.

6. Priority List for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for FY22

The Board would like to discuss the following priorities with City Council on April 28, 2021:

1. Coraci Park Expansion
2. Community Center at Airport Road Park
3. Playground Replacement in the City
4. Public Access to Spruce Creek
5. More Trails

C. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ferreira informed the Board the Mayors Golf Tournament is June 19, 2021.

Mr. Ferreira stated the Athletic Field Spraying and Fertilization contract award goes to City Council on May 4, 2021 and the Rec Renovation Project contract award is scheduled to go to City Council on May 18, 2021.

Parks & Recreation has initiated a flag football program that begins this summer. Mr. Ferreira stated the community has shown a lot of interest so far.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhausen, citizen, spoke about two parcels located at 1143 Old Hammock Road that recently did not pass at a Planning Commission meeting. Both parcels are currently undeveloped, and he would like to see the city purchase both parcels and put in a small park or green space. He believes it would reduce the traffic and please the residents.

E. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Cameron recently visited multiple parks in the city and is pleased with the maintenance and appearances.

F. ADJOURNMENT – 6:25 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Date: July 20, 2021

8. Board Report to City Council – cancelled this month due to the joint meeting with City Council April 28, 2021.


Chairman Mark Bowling