

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOM
1395 DUNLAWTON AVENUE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 19, 2022

THE REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Vice Chairman Bobby Ball at 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present: John Cameron, Jr.
Maria Mills-Benat
Mike Navarra
Bobby Ball, Vice Chair

Absent: Shawn Holmes
Mark Bowling, Chair
James Richard, Jr.

Also Present: Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation
Department Director
Peter Ferreira, Parks & Recreation
Department Deputy Director
Tracee Cody, City Clerk's Office

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - April 19, 2022

Motion to approve the April 19, 2022 Minutes as presented was made by Member Navarra and Seconded by Member Mills-Benat. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Bond Project Discussion

Jonathan McKinney, Finance Director, discussed the process and types of bonds, including a general obligation bond. Information would need to be gathered to present to City Council and then to voters at election time. He explained that an annual tax would be added to property renters and owners to pay back the bond, if awarded. He also pointed out important time frames to have information for the bond in respect to election dates.

Mr. McKinney informed the Board that a financial advisor will be doing a presentation to Council to explain the whole process and that the members of the Board should attend to understand the details.

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Department Director, stressed the importance of volunteers getting education out to the community so they know to vote.

4. Fall Baseball/Softball Cancellation - Further Discussion

Peter Ferreira, Parks & Recreation Department Deputy Director, gave an update that due to increased participants for soccer and limited field space, Parks and Recreation had to cancel fall baseball/softball. The first season soccer was moved to winter there were 490 participants and that number jumped up to 717 the following season, as opposed to 60-80 participants for baseball.

Board Members brought up concerns about needing more field space or putting lights at other locations to bring back fall baseball/softball.

Mr. Ferreira made the Board aware that other organizations that rent out the fields had to be turned away.

5. House Bill 105 - Regulation of Smoking by Counties and Municipalities Discussion

Mr. Ferreira explained that the bill changed from the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act to now the Florida Clean Air Act which allows the city to regulate smoking. However, there is a need to get clarification on statutes and sign requirements.

Member Cameron asked if there would be designated areas, but other members and staff believed it would be better to regulate distance from certain locations.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ferreira provided an update regarding the REC renovation, He explained the project is slowly moving forward. Flag football is currently underway, and the season is going well. Playoffs should be first week of August.

Funding was secured for the anticipated Parks office building for staff. Hall & Ogle will be the architects to build a 2,500 square foot facility complete with bathrooms, showers and locker rooms.

Staff has been using a "turf tank" which is a machine that sprays paint on the fields by satellite GPS programming. It's been used for a couple months and has increased efficiency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinhausen, citizen, asked about the impact fees on new developments. Ms. Lovallo confirmed that the city collects impact fees and explained these fees are used for mostly new construction or increased capacity. Mr. Reinhausen suggested it be brought up to Council to raise the impact fees so there's more public infrastructure for parks and recreation. Member Cameron said the county was doing a study and presenting it next month sometime.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:07 p.m.

6. Next Meeting Date: October 18, 2022

7. Board Report to City Council: July 19, 2022



For Chairman Mark Bowling
Robert Ball