

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
APRIL 18, 2023

THE REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chairman Mark Bowling at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present:	Mark Bowling, Chairman Robert Ball, Vice Chairman Maria Mills-Benat Michael Navarra James Richard Jr.
Absent:	Shawn Holmes (excused) John Cameron, Jr (excused)
Also Present:	Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director Tracee Cody, Assistant City Clerk Meghan Meyer, Administrative Assistant

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion to nominate Chairman Mark Bowling and Vice Chair Bobby Ball to remain the same was made by Member Maria - Mills Benat and seconded by Member James Richard, Jr. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - January 17, 2023

Motion to approve the January 17, 2023 meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Maria Mills-Benat and seconded by Vice Chairman Bobby Ball.

*Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote.*

3. Update on Bond Information

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an overview of the kickoff with GAI consultants for the Bond process. Mrs. Lovallo discussed the five projects that are of interest are the crossing park expansion, train depot park, west side community center, white place park renovations and willow run park renovations. Focus groups will be created with board members and another for the community. Vice Chair Bobby Ball mentioned there is land for purchase off Williamson Blvd. (south side of the creek on the west side).

4. Prioritizing Projects for the Bond Initiative

Staff and Board members discussed the projects with Item #3.

5. Fence issue at Coraci Park's Soccer Field

Chair Mark Bowling mentioned when the older kids play, the fence isn't high enough to hold in the soccer balls. The kids would go over the fence to retrieve the ball, possibly out in traffic, near the retention pond where there are snakes, etc. He asked what could be done to prevent this from happening such as netting to make the fence higher or other suggestions. Mrs. Lovallo suggested the soccer club president contact the city. Vice Chairman Bobby Ball suggested to get a sponsor so that they could get the funds for taller poles and nets.

6. Items for Next Agenda

1. Bond update
2. Update on the soccer Field

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Lovallo announced the city eliminated second season of baseball. The city doesn't have enough field space for more than 800 kids. There were 120 kids on a waitlist, the city found another site, now there's only 7 kids left on the waitlist. The city reduced all adult seasons down to one to make room. Chair Bowling suggested partnering with neighboring cities to use their fields. Mrs. Lovallo explained that there has been changes in the neighboring communities, but we could possibly use school basketball courts. Members discussed options of making starting age higher and other places for the younger ones. Mrs. Lovallo announced the Mayor's golf tournament at Cypress Head Golf Course is on June 17th. She also discussed the recent skate park meeting and the outcome was that it will be free membership. There will also be opportunities for the senior and special needs population.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

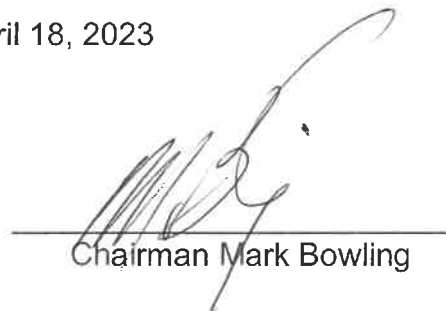
Robert Reinhegan, resident, commented about possibly using land behind the library on Clyde Morris. Mrs. Lovallo mentioned that it's a dry retention with no lights and close to houses.

BOARD COMMENTS

The board members mentioned to update the playgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:18 p.m.

6. Next Meeting Date: July 18, 2023
7. Board Report to City Council: April 18, 2023



Chairman Mark Bowling