

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
1395 DUNLAWTON AVENUE  
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA  
APRIL 16, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call	Present:	Bobby Ball, Chair (arrived at 5:38 p.m.) Michael Navarra, Vice Chair Mark Bowling Maria Mills-Benat Shawn Holmes
	Absent:	James Richard Jr. (Excused)
	Also Present:	Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Director Meghan Meyer, Administrative Assistant

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - January 16, 2024

*Motion to approve the January 16, 2024 meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Maria Mills-Benat and seconded by Member Mark Bowling . Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

3. Bond Update

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, mentioned the election there will be a QR code for their campaign that will allow people to be able to go straight to the property appraisers to find out what their property is worth. Ms. Lovallo said that we will be moving forward with Coraci Park and purchasing more acres of land. Phase one will be 6 multipurpose fields and additional parking and use the fields there for football or use the baseball fields for parking. The community center at Rec west will be scaled back to

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a gymnasium with lobbies and sport facilities. It will be designed for a full Rec with future funds. Member Maria Mills-Benat asked if the board members would be receiving a card with the QR code and would there be a link to the site. Ms. Lovallo said that there would be a link on the social media account to let them know about what is going on with the bond, and the code will be at the facilities. The QR code will also be on the employees' badges in case someone comes up and wants to scan the code. Once the Council approves the Ordinance, then the QR code will be live after June 1st, and Ms. Lovallo will send an email letting the board know once it is live. Ms. Lovallo mentioned that once the bond is received, the first priority would be the field space at Willow Run. Member Mark Bowling asked that once the bond is received will it have to go to utility funds as well. Ms. Lovallo stated that they do not get all the money at once and there is dedicated funding for impact fees for Parks and Recreation programs and some of the projects will use some of the utility funds for White Place.

### PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lovallo stated that field 3 at City Center has been closed since the last time the board spoke. A project has been submitted for next year to rebuild field 3 and the parking lot. The Engineering department is securing an engineer to start the plans and to have the plans done by October. Restrooms at 4 & 5 at City Center plans have been completed for the site work. There will be 4 unisex stalls. The restrooms will be done by the fiscal year or the end of the year. Ms. Lovallo said that the gym floor on courts 2 & 3 is in the sanding phase. The new park's office building will open bid on Friday, April 19, 2024. The Spruce Creek concession stand, and restrooms will be open on April 5th and construction starts on May 7th. Fields will be closed for the construction and once the power is back up and safe from the demolition, then the fields will be back up for practices. There will be no through traffic on the boardwalk and children's park. The tennis court will be open at Spruce Creek Park. Member John Cameron Jr. asked if there would be issues with the unisex bathrooms. Ms. Lovallo said that with the bathrooms being unisex it will help people that need assistance, such as the elderly and special needs. Ms. Lovallo mentioned the memorial park piers there will be final plans by this Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The causeway dock south project regarding the boat ramp is still waiting on a grant the engineers office is working with the permitting department. Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Director, spoke about updates on athletic programs and special events.

### ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Bond Update

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Member Mark Bowling asked about the rumors that Parks & Recreation is trying to get rid of YMCA. Ms. Lovallo mentioned that there needs to be upgrades to the YMCA but Parks & Recreation is not trying to get rid of them. YMCA wants to buy the building from the city.

ADJOURNMENT – 5:57 p.m.

4. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 @ 5:15 p.m.
  
5. Board Report to City Council: Tuesday, July 16, 2024



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Chairman Bobby Ball