

# Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

March 3, 2021

## **Board Attendance Record**

William Dryburgh 6/6  
Don McCormick 6/6  
Kay Tvaroch 5/6  
Debra Anlauf 6/6  
Erick Toth 4/6  
Maria Greenberg 4/6  
Fred Pazona 5/6

## **Present**

William Dryburgh  
Don McCormick  
Kay Tvaroch  
Debra Anlauf  
Erick Toth  
Maria Greenberg  
Fred Pazona

## **Absent**

## **County Representatives**

Ken Doherty, Commission Liaison  
Tommy Scott, Director  
Kathy Koroschetz, Administrative Assistant

## **Guests**

- Chairman William Dryburgh welcomed members, staff and visitors to the meeting.
- Roll Call
- Minutes
  - Motion to approve the 2021 February Minutes made by Don McCormick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maria Greenberg and was unanimously approved.
- Division Reports – January 2021
  - Fred Pazona asked about the number of pass holders at the Centennial Pool showing on the report, he stated he is at that pool daily and the number seems low in comparison to the numbers showing for the other recreation pools. Tommy Scott replied that due to the construction going on with Centennial Blvd., and the detour to the back entrance has led to less traffic, but agreed he would look into the number to confirm it is correct.
  - Maria Greenberg asked how the Rays Spring Training ticket sales are going. Fred Pazona responded that he recently went online as a season ticket holder was able to get 4 games and they must be bought in pods of 2 or 4. Tommy Scott added it is a paperless system only credit cards being used, but so far everything has been going well.

- Old Business
  - None
  
- New Business
  - I. **Tour Sites for April Tour** – Tommy Scott, Director Community Services suggested Gaines Park, Ollies Pond, Larry Taylor Kiwanis Park, Bayshore Park or Bissett Park. It was discussed and agreed to meet at Gaines Park at 11:00am then on to Bayshore Park, Bissett Park and Flatwoods Park on April 7, 2021.
  - II. **Englewood Beach Projects**– This Agenda item was pushed to the May 2021 meeting.
  - III. **Youth Basketball program** – Tommy Scott explained we have been working to bring back some of our programs and Youth Basketball timing will be changed due to capacity issues with Camp going on, registration just finished up and the first practice will be at end of March and regular season will be April 10<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>. Playoffs will be at the end of May which will be before Camp starts. Extra precautions will be put in place including sanitizing and cleaning between games, face masks, distancing and modifications to the team size.
    - Sports Council Update – Erick Toth
      - Went through all the Covid protocols with the clubs
      - Went through facility reviews for clubs that had the County facilities involved with their association
      - We did the background risk management
      - Went through the Centennial Fishing Tournament awards held at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex
      - We sent out surveys to all the different clubs to get feedback on volunteer hours etc.
    - Member Issues
      - Fred Pazona commented on the Centennial Park Pool recent swim meet that he heard went very well with 97 swimmers and the electronic score board being well worth the money, Fred also commented he is at Centennial Park daily for a swim and said the playground area is really a big hit and is getting a lot of use by children and families.
      - Kay Tvaroch gave an update on the Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), who are working on a non-binding agreement for Charlotte County parks and beaches on the regulation of smoking in Public places. Kay Tvaroch stated that the SWAT youth will possibly be doing a presentation for he Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) at the May meeting. They are waiting to hear if the Senate Bill 334 introduced by Senator Bill Gruters will move forward prior to the May meeting, which will authorize counties and municipalities to further

restrict smoking within boundaries of public beaches and public parks. Kay Tvaroach added that SWAT youth went to Englewood Beach this past week and picked up 1200 butts within 2 hours,

- Commissioner Doherty stated he will be in Tallahassee for legislative meetings and asked that that staff provide him information prior to those meetings.
- William Dryburgh asked about the status of vaccines. Tommy Scott replied we are at 2000-3000 per week and hope to be up to 10,000 this week, Harold Avenue still has the drive through clinic and the Event Center and Tringali Park Recreation Center are now giving the vaccines as well.
- Directors Report
  - Tommy Scott gave several updates to the PRAB including the Snowbird Classic, stating it has always been a staple of our community this time of year but with Covid college teams were unable to travel so we only had about 3 games and 5 practices, hopefully next year it will be back to normal. Also, our first swim meet was held at Centennial Park Pool which was a big success.

2020 Sales Tax Projects that are being worked on currently are the Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center renovation, GC Herring Park and Trails.

- Announcement
- Adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1  
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2  
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3  
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 4  
Commissioner Joe Tiseo, District 5  
Hector Flores, County Administrator  
Emily Lewis, Deputy County Administrator