

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Naples, Florida, October 21, 2015

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 2:00P.M. in REGULAR SESSION at North Collier Regional Park, Administrative Building, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Edward "Ski" Olesky  
VICE CHAIRMAN: Phil Brougham  
Mary Bills  
John Fuchs (Excused)  
McMurdo Smith  
David Saletko  
Rebecca Gibson-Laemel

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Division Director  
Jeanine McPherson, Assistant Director  
Rick Garby, Parks Superintendent  
Miguel Rojas Jr., Administrative Assistant  
Natalie Betancur, Operations Analyst  
Ilonka Washburn, Parks and Recreation  
Audrey Martinez, Operations Coordinator  
Margaret Bishop, Senior Project Manager

**I. Call to Order**

**Chairman Olesky** called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Move: Item VII.c. to be heard before Item V.

***Ms. Bills moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Ms. Gibson-Laemel. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.***

**IV. Approval of September 16, 2015 Minutes**

***Mr. Olesky moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting subject to the following changes:***

Page 4, Item IX. – Adopt a Park Reports – None

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***Second by Ms. Gibson-Laemel. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.***

**VII. New Business (this item was heard before item V.)**

**c. Fee Policies Adjustments**

**Mr. Williams** submitted Resolution No.2015 - \_\_ noting Staff is requesting revision of existing user fee structure for facility rental, after school care, refunds and camping categories for Committee discussion.

- User fees and charges are established by the Board within the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department and Facilities and Outdoor Areas License and Fee Policy.
- Staff recommends the Fee Policy utilizing an estimated fiscal impact of \$3,260 be effective with a retroactive date of October 1, 2015.
- There is a provision in the policy for the Board of County Commissioners to approve the Fee Policy through the budget process
- The Collier County Parks and Recreation Guide provides the fee structure for activities.

The Board recommended the following revision to the proposed resolution - Page 14, Item M Collier County Summer Programs to read, *“each session is equivalent to one school semester.”*

***Mr. Brougham moved for the Advisory Board to endorse Resolution NO. 2015- as amended including the above referenced change, repealing all previous resolutions, establishing license and fee policies, in order to modify the fee categories for facility rental, afterschool care, refunds and camping and recommend it to the County Board of Commissioners for approval. Second by Ms. Bills. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.***

**V. Staff Highlights**

**a. Superintendent Report**

**Mr. Garby** presented an overview of the status of the parks highlighting:

- Fields are utilized for multi-purpose sports events

- Eagle Lakes playing fields re-sodding expense is reflected in the FY15 .
- Field maintenance has been challenging due to weather conditions.
- A new playground is being constructed at Cocohatchee River Park.
- Eighty trees were trimmed at the entrance of Vineyards Community Park.
- Frequency of lightning strikes has created electrical equipment repair issues.
- Maintenance of the Cemetery at Immokalee Park during the summer months was difficult as weather conditions prevented mowing.

## VI. Facilities

### a. Capital Projects Report

**Ms. Bishop** updated the Board on the following projects:

- Eagle Lakes

The proposed swimming pool will be located adjacent to the Basketball Court.

The multi-purpose site comprised of four water features includes a lap pool available for high school use.

*The Board requested Staff review the entry depth of the water for the lap pool to determine if it is appropriate for all users and report back to the Board.*

- Big Corkscrew Regional Park

Input on the design of the Park was solicited from the public and includes the use of survey data for the top five facility amenities requested:

- # 1 - Children's playground
- #2 - Pathways and trails
- #3 - Multipurpose fields
- #4 - Pavilion shelter area
- #5 - Multipurpose indoor facility
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Stantec is designing a master plan for Board review in November.

- Cocohatchee River Marina

An engineer was retained to perform a structural inspection of the dock pilings for the boat slips. Due to the scale of the project, work was divided in to six zones and zones one and two have been prioritized as most critical for repair. Staff is in the design and permitting phase of the work.

- East Naples Community Park

- A construction contract was awarded at the October 27, 2015 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the new soccer field.
- Twelve courts are under construction in preparation for the 2016 US Open Pickleball Championship.

- Clam Pass

A structural inspection revealed twenty-five pilings need to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$550,000. The contract will be awarded at the Board of County Commissioners November 2015 meeting. FDEP permits for Mangrove tree trimming are approved and the project is going out for bid

- Veterans Park  
A Pickleball Court is proposed for the park. Estimated cost is \$170,000; bids are due October 27, 2015.
- Tigertail Beach Observation Tower  
Construction of the two story tower with twelve viewing scopes is 60% complete.

## **VII. New Business (Continued)**

### **a. Advisory Board Applications**

**A. Martin F. Klingenberg**

**B. John J. Fuchs – membership Expires 12/31/2015**

**C. Rebecca Gibson-Laemel – membership expires 12/31/2015**

The Committee discussed the candidate's applications for the open positions noting the contributions Mr. Fuchs and Ms. Gibson-Laemel have made to the Board.

- Mr. Klingenberg and Mr. Fuchs were not present for review of their applications.
- Ms. Gibson-Laemel expressed her desire to be reappointed to the Committee.

*Mr. Brougham moved to recommend Mr. Fuchs be reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Second by Ms. Bills. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.*

*Mr. Brougham moved to recommend Ms. Gibson-Laemel be reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Second by Ms. Bills. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.*

### **b. Adopt a Park Schedule**

Staff distributed the Collier County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM schedule (see attached).

**Ms. Bills** reported on her tours of East Naples Community Park (see attached) noting recommendations for improvement and changes including:

- Installation of new plantings in rear parking lot.
- Paint and power wash bathrooms and concrete areas.
- De-clutter the Community Center.
- Replace light stands in Community Center.
- Replace entry sign that says *Welcome to East Naples*
- Number Pickleball Courts 1,2,3,7,8 and 9 and repair wind screen on the North end of the Courts.

The Board expressed concern regarding the aesthetic conditions in the Park pending the 2016 US Open Pickleball Championship to be held at East Naples Community Park. Staff will ensure the facility is presentable.

## **V. Old Business**

### **a. Farmers Market Agreement**

The Board discussed the application with **Mr. Rakow, Golden Gate Community Market** owner.

**Mr. Rakow** provided an overview of business operations for Golden Gate Community Market noting:

- The market will be held at Golden Gate Community Park every Friday during the “seasonal” months from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Rakow will revise Item B 9) of the Community Market Facility Use Agreement (Long-Term) to reflect a termination date of May 31, 2016.

***Ms. Gibson-Laemel moved to recommend approval of the “Collier County Parks and Recreation Community Market Facility Use Agreement (Long-Term)” dated September 25, 2015 for Joseph Mark Rakow. Second by Ms. Bills. Carried unanimously 6 - 0.***

**X. Director Highlights—Barry Williams**

**Mr. Williams** updated the Board on projects and activities as follows:

**Dog Park**

**Matthew Kragh** was retained to develop a plan for a dog park on Whitaker Road. The plan (estimated cost \$700,000) was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for consideration. On review, the BCC directed the Department to establish an “off leash” dog space at Golden Gate Community Park noting the park has the amenities in place.

**Mr. Williams** provided a progress report:

- Two dog runs designated for large and small dogs will be created adjacent to the Administration Building (small dogs in front; large dogs in the rear).
- Based on the recommendation of a Sound Study conducted in Veterans Park by an independent group, acoustic fencing will be constructed outside the Administration Building.
- The Veterans Park sound study concluded decibel levels for the “nuisance threshold” were imperceptible. The BCC directed Staff to conduct a second sound study if residents complain about the noise.

***Mr. Williams will research the records to determine if the Advisory Board previously moved to recommend a dog park to the Board of County Commissioners and report his findings at the November meeting.***

**Big Corkscrew Regional Park**

Staff will be requesting a recommendation to approve the Master Plan for Big Corkscrew Regional Park at the November meeting of the PARAB.

**Immokalee Community Park**

**Mr. Williams** reported a meeting with Commissioner Nance, Mr. Terry, etc., resulted in a commitment to expand availability of playing fields for Little League and Soccer noting:

- Pinecrest Elementary School: An agreement has been reached with the school to utilize their playing fields, including reconfiguring the space and installing a playground.
- Immokalee Middle School: negotiations are in the final stage with the School Board to allow use of the School’s fields.

*Staff plans to have the fields ready for spring ball.*

**Alcohol at Tigertail Beach**

**Mr. Williams** reported Tigertail Beach has been granted permission to serve alcohol.

**XI. Informational Items**


None

**XII. Public Comments/Board Comments**

None

*There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 3:40 pm.*

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

  
**Edward "Ski" Olesky, Chairman**

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on NOVEMBER 18, 2015 as presented X or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.