

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

13000 LIVINGSTON RD, Naples, Florida

March 19, 2025

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 2 p.m. in REGULAR SESSION at Naples Regional Complex, 13000 Livingston RD, Naples, with the following members present:

Chairman: Edward Ski Olesky
Vice Chair: Joshua Fruth (excused)
Rebecca Gibson-laemel
Jessica Bergel
Eric Kelly
Lee Dixon (excused)

Also Present: James Hanrahan, Interim Director, Parks & Recreation
Said Gomez, Region 3 Parks Manager
Miguel Rojas Jr., Admin Support Specialist II, Parks & Rec
Rafaela Zapata, Supervisor - Operations I

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome by the Director

B. Roll Call

The roll call was taken.

C. Verification of Quorum

Four members were in attendance, two members are excused

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(none)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Purrs & Paddles Pickleball Tournament Alcohol Sale and Consumption (Jim Rich)

Mr. Rich was absent from the meeting and the item was pushed to next meeting

B. Collier 311 Presentation (Rafaela Zapata)

- The FCC designated the number 311 as a non-emergency hotline; it is also a way for citizens to have fast access to local government departments. One tool that has been newly introduced is text messaging. The hotline improves citizen engagement, helps detect issues out in the community early, and is easily accessible; as well as reducing the strain on emergency hotlines.
- After making a 311 call, the customer will receive a notification that the request has been routed to the appropriate department and will continue to receive notifications until the request has been completed via text, email, or phone call.
- The hotline is opened Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm; however, the app and the website is available 24/7. Text is available Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm.

C. Wikiloc Outdoor Navigation GPS (Duke Vasey)

- Wikiloc is an outdoor navigation website and app where users are able to find outdoor trails or personalize them; whether it's hiking, car, or boat trails. As of now there are currently 23 launches in the county.
- This system can be a useful tool for parks because they can put QR codes of trail maps; it can also be useful for citizens because they can send emergency

services their location if they get lost or stranded, and report the location of stranded boats or other vehicles to the 311 hotlines.

- This presentation is merely for the Parks & Recreation Advisory board to take in consideration how useful providing this informational tool can be for the parks

Comments from the Board

They will be in contact the IT department to see what can be discussed

D. Bayview Agreement (James Hanrahan)

- The Bayview Agreement is an agreement for the repair of the pier in the city of Naples. It has been approved by the Board of Commissioners
- For four to six months, Bayview will be used to bring in debris, sort it, and then disposed of.
- It will impact eight parking spaces. The city of Naples police has been requested to help assist if any parking or space issues persist.
- A month-to-month update will have to be sent to the Board of Commissioners.

Comments from the Board

How long is the project?

James Hanrahan: 18 months, but sorting and removal of debris, which strictly falls under us will take four to six months.

James Hanrahan: Once dates are confirmed, we will put on our website information about congestion and heavier traffic.

E. Naples Roller Hockey (Justin Lund)

- The Naples Roller Hockey League is seeking the approval to move forward with a proposal to long-term lease the Veterans Park facility to the Board of Commissioners.
- The league is looking to lease and manage the Veterans Park roller hockey rink, with the goal of enhancing and expanding its use.

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Edward Olesky, Chairman

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- This would benefit Collier County by increasing tourism, economic growth, and recreational opportunities
- The facility will serve as a venue for various sport activities such as: Roller hockey, roller derby, public skate nights, and other indoor sports. Not only will this attract tournaments which boosts local tourism; but it also promotes an active lifestyle for residents which also boosts community engagement.

Comments from the Board

Are you rebuilding the courts

Justin Lund: This would be phase one, we would enclose the current hockey facility, so that it can be accessible year-round. If it is successful then we can talk about expansion

How long do you think, that this would go the Board of County Commissioners?

James Hanrahan: It would depend on procurement and the County's attorney office says.

James Hanrahan: Said just mentioned a great question. Would there be availability to the public to have opportunities to play on the court?

Justin Lund: Of course

Said Gomez: we could do a kid's camps where we can bring different parks over and do activities.

Motion was made to continue with evaluating the proposal of the lease. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously

VI. BOARD/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

(None)

VII. MANAGER UPDATES

(none)

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Sun n' Fun opened on March 8, 2025. It has been closed for two years; In just one week it has served over 7,000 patrons. Every amenity is working. After this weekend two slides in the lazy river will shut down to have work done on them.
- Parks & Rec is now in charge of Paradise Coast Sports Complex; two soccer league games have already been played there.
- Regional managers are getting ready for summer camp, Easter events will be discussed in the next meeting.
- James Hanrahan is still working on the agreement with the Collier County Public School system saying that Immokalee Community Park will take over the fields. This will be added to the next agenda.
- James Hanrahan has asked the board to put an announcement for the need of lifeguard, due to summertime approaching.

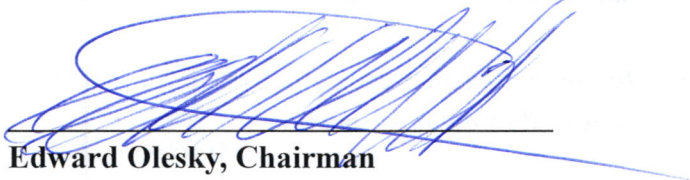
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting Date: April 16th, 2025

2 p.m. – Golden Gate Community Center

There being no further business for the good of the county, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chairman at 3:32 p.m.

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