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## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

March 11, 2020

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Brett Tam called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Members present were Linda Palardy, Linda Smura and Tess Jones.

Daniel McDow and Sandy Carbon were excused from the meeting.

Motion made by Member Tam to excuse Member McDow and Member Carbon from the meeting. Motion seconded by Member Palardy.

Also present was City Manager Scott Morgan, Parks & Recreation Director Rich Boprey and Special Projects Coordinator Sandi Wood.

Member Tam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve the minutes of January 8, 2020.

Motion made by Member Linda Palardy to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020, seconded by Member Linda Smura. – motion carried 4-0.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

A) Mr. Scott Morgan – City Manager

Mr. Morgan provided the members with a handout and spoke about the updates.

The City Council had asked Mr. Morgan to look at a few properties in close proximity to the Community Park for a potential purchase. The land could provide future development for the City's existing facilities. After ongoing discussions with the property owners a Broker reported that the owners are not ready to sell the land at present.

I-95 & 192 interchange – Mr. Morgan spoke about the City's responsibility to maintain the trees along the I-95 exit for West Melbourne (exit 180). Rich Boprey put a contract agreement in place with a DOT approved contractor to trim the trees at the top of the slopes for I-95. The Parks maintenance crew assist in trimming and maintaining the lower level trees. DBI are the third party contractor (hired by DOT) to mow the grass and remove all debris along the exit ramps of I-95.

1) Parks Maintenance building – the bidding went out to contractors on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The opening of the bids will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The bids will be discussed at the April 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for approval to award the contract and proceed with the project.

2) Clements Wood Park bathroom renovations – We have replaced the roof and repaired the water supply and pressure issue by replacing water lines into the bathrooms. By the middle of May the final plans will be in and the project will go out to bid.

3) Tennis fees – the Board had previously voted to abolish the fees associated with tennis, pickle ball, racquetball and wallyball. Per the City resolution the City Manager has the authority to advise, alter or change the fee structure. After consulting with the Parks & Recreation Director the decision has been made to only apply the current fees if the lights are needed for the courts. The courts will be free during daylight hours.

4) Long term plan (hiring a consultant) – Mr. Morgan asked the Board members what they feel the vision is and what they feel a consultant and plan will accomplish. A Board member suggested that a Community Center was possibly a desire by people in the community. Mr. Morgan pointed out that Rodes Park Community Center may be an option at some point if the City of West Melbourne had a desire to operate the facility and Brevard County were interested in entering into an agreement for it. There are two County Regional Parks within our City limits.

The Board members asked about a Dog Park and a baseball field. The Dog Park idea did not fit into the urban design of the Community Park and we currently have a dog park at the VMC. The general agreement was that there are ample amounts of baseball fields at nearby Rodes Park.

A civil engineering firm is currently looking at a plan to re-seal and re-stripe the parking lot at Field of Dreams to provide more parking spaces.

Mr. Morgan added that if land was acquired off Flanagan Road (western expansion of Community Park) it would be worthwhile to set up a consultant led focus group that could provide ideas and concepts and determine what would be the best fit for a new development.

#### B) Parks & Recreation Director updates

- February 28 – April 3 - **Concert series**
- May 1- June 5 – **Concert series**
- February 1 – March 27 - **Mayors Fitness Challenge**– Parks & Recreation Team entered – will walk with the Mayor Tuesdays & Thursdays – 12:00-1:00pm
- February 11 – **Youth Night – Calvary Church** – Community Park
- March 9 – **Space Coast League of Cities Dinner** – Field of Dreams – 120 attended
- March 17 – **Voting at the VMC**
- March 28 – **Chic-fil-a 5k Egg Scramble** – FOD
- April 4 – **Relay For Life – American Cancer Association** - FOD
- April 10 – **Florida Institute of Technology** – Music @ the Amphitheatre

April 18/19 – **Hot Wheels Scooter, BMX and Skateboard Event**  
May 2 – **PALS – Providing Autistic Links and Support – FOD**  
May 9 – **Brevard Family Partnerships – Parent Appreciation Day – FOD**

Sports Camps @ FOD designed for beginners and special needs children

March 3 – March 26 – **Basketball** - Tues / Thurs – 6:00-7:00pm

April 7 – April 30 – **Baseball**

May 5 – May 28 – **Golf**

The Field of Dreams Board will provide full scholarships for all special needs participants who apply.

## **5. Other Business**

### **A. Public Comments**

The Business Advisory Board sent a memo asking for the Parks & Recreation Board to consider allowing alcohol events at the Community Park. If the Parks & Recreation Board were in favor it could be presented to the City Council.

After a discussion the Board agreed that they were not in favor of allowing alcohol at the Park. The Board feels that the park and facilities are well attended. It is a family park and alcohol would present more risk than reward.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The next scheduled meeting will be May 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Brett Tam made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Linda Palardy – motion carried 4-0.