# WELLINGTON PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MAY 29, 2025 - 7:00 PM WELLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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## **MINUTES**

Members Present: Sam Falzone, Stephanie Cagnet Myron, Marc Murray, Stephen A. Levin, Marc

Coleman, Anthony Forgione

Members Absent: Joshua Zillmer

Village Staff: Eric Juckett, Daryl Boyd, Branden Miller

# I. <u>Call to Order/Opening Comments</u>

The meeting began at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at Wellington City Hall Council Chambers and there was 1 absent member which was Joshua Zillmer.

# II. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

Sam Falzone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

The agenda was approved by a 6-0 vote with Joshua Zillmer absent.

## V. <u>Presentation</u>

#### A. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Anthony Forgione nominated Sam Falzone for Chair, which was seconded by Stephen A. Levin.

Stephanie Cagnet Myron nominated Stephen A. Levin for Vice Chair with no objections.

## B. Update on the Penny Sales Tax

Eric Juckett presented the surtax update. He explained that nothing has changed since the last update and that the biggest news is that Aquatics is still on track and on schedule.

Stephen A. Levin commented about how impressive the Aquatics site and Sports Complex is currently while under construction.

Stephanie Cagnet Myron asked if there was an update on the anticipate timing of both projects.

Eric Juckett responded that both projects are on track to be completed by the end of the year.

# VI. Staff Updates

Eric Juckett provided the board with upcoming events such as the first Pickleball tournament, summer camp, Padel Groundbreaking Ceremony, and new tennis courts and new padel courts.

Stephen A. Levin confirmed that public-private partnerships are not new, and that we have done this elsewhere.

Eric Juckett explained that the Wellington Athletics Sports Complex was the first public-private partnership and the Padel court project is the second public-private partnership.

Dr. Sam Falzone asked what company was involved in the Padel court project.

Eric Juckett explained that 10 x 20 is the company associated with the project.

Dr. Sam Falzone asked if this was only for that portion of the property and not under the Tennis contract.

Daryl Boyd explained that it'll all be on the same grounds but will be a separate activity, and that memberships and such will be separate from Tennis.

Marc Murray asked for more information regarding the pickleball tournament and how it is set up.

Eric Juckett explained that we are hosting the tournament ourselves with the help from some Pickleball ambassadors. He explained the details such as the cost, duration, and skill levels of the tournament.

Eric continued to provide updates such as the Juneteenth event, South Shore Park grand opening, July 4<sup>th</sup> event, Back to School Party in the Park, and Murder Mystery Dinner.

Dr. Sam Falzone asked if it would be a good idea to bring the group associated with the Padel project in to discuss the sport and how they are doing.

Eric Juckett responded that he believed that we could certainly bring them in for a presentation.

## VII. Old Business

# VIII. Public Comment

## IX. Board Comments

Anthony Forgione provided the board and staff with an update regarding his last 6 months and thanked them for putting up with his absence.

Marc Murray asked if staff would revisit and discuss how Wellington Athletics is going to operated when it open and if there are any changes.

Eric Juckett explained that staff will provide updates closer to the opening, and that there will be a Grand Opening event as well.

Κ.	Closing Comment
KI.	A <u>djournment</u>
	The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.
	Chairperson

Staff determined that September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the next scheduled meeting date.

Dr. Sam Falzone asked about the next upcoming meeting date.