

**WELLINGTON  
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 - 7:00 PM  
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

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***MINUTES***

**Members Present:** Sam Falzone, Richard Christmas, Tomas Bueno, Maryjo Shockley, Anthony Forgione, Brian Buckstein, Marc Coleman

**Members Absent:**

**Village Staff:** Bruce DeLaney, Daryl Boyd, Jim Barnes

**I. Call to Order/Opening Comments**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Falzone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

There were no questions or objections, the agenda was approved 7-0.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**A. June 4, 2018**

Mr. Forgione made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Bueno gave the second. The minutes were approved 7-0.

**V. Presentation**

**A. Surtax Project Update**

Mr. DeLaney reminded the Board of their role as the oversight committee for surtax related projects. He updated everyone on the latest reports concerning monies spent to date. The expenditures were primarily on design costs for the Greenbriar and Southshore projects and renovations at Village Park.

Dr. Falzone wanted to clarify that the current expenditures have been within the proposed budget and Mr. DeLaney confirmed.

Mr. Forgione asked if there would be any more expense for the playground repairs/replacement at Village Park and Mr. DeLaney confirmed that the project had been closed and there would not be further expense.

Ms. Shockley made a motion to accept the expenditure report as all expenditures were in line with the intended purpose of the surtax program. Mr. Bueno gave the second and the motion passes 7-0.

**VI. Staff Updates**

Mr. DeLaney gave an update of upcoming programs and events including the Lakeside Events, the World Peace Day Celebration, Green Market opening and Fall Festival. He also mentioned the upcoming Murder Mystery event and explained that this event sells out quickly.

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

**A. 2019 Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Applications**

Mr. DeLaney explained that the Village intends to make application for two upcoming grants as a part of the FRDAP program. One for improvements for the Greenbriar Park volleyball courts in the amount of \$50,000.

Dr. Falzone asked if the volleyball courts would then be a separate park. Mr. DeLaney explained that they would just be relocated within the park. Mr. Christmas asked how many courts and Mr. DeLaney explained that the new courts would match the number of current courts.

Ms. Shockley asked if they were matching grants and Mr. DeLaney explained that there is no match for grants up to \$50,000.

Mr. DeLaney explained that the second grant would be for renovation of Village Park dugouts and additional playground sails in the amount of \$50,000.

Mr. Coleman asked if surtax dollars would be spent on these projects if the grant applications were not successful. Mr. DeLaney said the projects would qualify for surtax projects but that we were hopeful to receive the grants. Mr. Coleman also mentioned that there are likely several needs throughout facilities and asked how those needs were being prioritized. Mr. DeLaney explained that as far as surtax projects were concerned, it was decided that the Greenbriar project would be built first in an effort to get the new fields on-line as soon as possible as opposed to building two facilities at once and risking lengthening the construction process. He also explained that for existing facilities, safety is typically considered a priority, then wants vs needs are considered. Additionally, Public Works keeps a schedule of capital maintenance to be followed.

Mr. Bueno made a motion to approve pursuit of both grants through the FRDAP program and Ms. Shockley gave the second. The motion was approved 7-0.

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Board Comments**

Mr. Forgione asked if any traffic considerations were made for the Greenbriar project considering the congestion that can sometimes exist at the Palm Beach Point and Aero Club junction. Mr. Barnes indicated that a traffic study had been done and that depending on volume a turn lane could potentially be considered but at this time it is an alternative consideration and that the opening of Winding Trails may help relieve traffic concerns.

Mr. Bueno mentioned he is happy to be here and looking forward to working with the group.

Mr. Christmas asked about the status of field use for the seasons that have just started. Mr. DeLaney explained that the fields were being managed well. He further explained that some adjustments were made to help accommodate Lacrosse and Rugby and that the new fields at Greenbriar would help alleviate those issues. Mr. Bueno added that he expects soccer to grow even more.

Dr. Falzone expressed his gratitude for the many things that are going on in Parks and Recreation. He said that he is sad to have to announce that Mr. DeLaney has announced his retirement and would be leaving in the near future. He declared that the facilities and programs in Wellington would not have grown to the level they are without the work and dedication of Mr. DeLaney. He further explained that the Village should recognize his accomplishments and what he has done for this community.

## **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

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**Chairperson**