

**WELLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 4, 2019 - 7:00 PM
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Sam Falzone, Richard Christmas, Maryjo Shockley, Anthony Forgione, Brian Buckstein

Members Absent:

Village Staff: Eric Juckett, 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 4-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. December 3, 2018

The minutes were approved 4-0.

V. Presentation

Parks Master Plan Update

Mr. Juckett explain that the Village Council had recently approved the hiring of AECOM to complete a Parks Master Plan. The project is just getting started and it will involve analyzing current facilities and programs as well as public input. He also explained that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would be meeting with the firm as a part of the process as well.

Mr. Barnes explained that the ability to benchmark against similar agencies would be a great benefit to the department and that it is a requirement of the accreditation process.

Ms. Shockley asked if we have had one in the past. Mr. Barnes explained that plans had been done for specific elements but not for the system as a whole.

Dr. Falzone if aging populations were a part of the study and Mr. Barnes explained that it was definitely an element of the process as well as other needs assessments. Dr. Falzone that it is important that dates for input meetings in advance is important.

Ms. Shockley asked if the Town Center projects would be part of the discussion. Mr. Barnes explained that the two items would be happening concurrently so there would be likely some discussions.

Ms. Shockley asked if the Board was permitted to reach out to family and friends for input in advance of the meetings. Mr. Barnes answered that it was perfectly acceptable and also was a great idea to encourage participation.

VI. Staff Updates

Mr. Juckett mentioned that Village Park would again be hosting part of the soccer State Cup series. He also announced the new event MarchtoberFest. He mentioned that the Craft Beer event had also gone well.

Ms. Shockley asked if there were parking issues. Mr. Juckett explained that it seemed to run pretty smoothly and that there was a shuttle service. Dr. Falzone asked if people participated in the shuttles and Mr. Barnes explained that with multiple events happening the same weekend there weren't terrible parking issues and that the shuttle seemed to be effective.

VII. Old Business

Surtax Update

Mr. Barnes reviewed the financial report that was provided for the current surtax programs. He also explained that staff had suggested that the project previously intended for the Greenbriar site be moved to Wellington High School. The move would save that site for future use. He mentioned that staff had met with the high school to see if an agreement for use could be reached that would allow both parties to use the facility in an equitable manner. He went over the current suggested scope of the plan.

Dr. Falzone asked if the addition of artificial turf presented a substantial increase in cost. Mr. Barnes explained that the artificial turf was slightly more expensive but there would be some savings in site prep since the Greenbriar site would need all of the infrastructure added.

Ms. Shockley asked if any other schools and towns partnered on projects. Mr. Barnes explained that Wellington already had some good examples in Equestrian Trails and Emerald Cove at Olympia Park. He explained that the athletic fields on that site belong to the Village and that an agreement was in place that has worked out well. He also explained that the athletic facilities at Tiger Shark Cove are on School Board property. He also mentioned that Park Vista High School in Boynton with a Palm Beach County Park where there is a mutual use situation.

Mr. Barnes also explained that there was a possibility in there would be an aquatic center added to the school site but that it is not something that has been decided.

Ms. Shockley asked if the current pool was open for resident use early in the morning for those who might want to swim before work. Mr. Juckett explained that the pool currently opens at 10:00am. He explained that there was a Master Swim program for people to swim at 5:00am but that the program had dwindled down to only a couple users and the program was discontinued but the staff would always be willing to look at adding it back in the future.

Ms. Shockley asked why there was such a change. Mr. Barnes explained that it was simply a thought on the part of staff to explore an option that would preserve one of the last pieces of open space.

Dr. Falzone asked for a motion to approve the presented projects as in line with the surtax project requirements. Mr. Forgione made a motion to approve and Ms. Shockley gave the second. It was approved 4-0.

VIII. New Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Board Comments

Mr. Forgione complemented the staff and the entire Village on handling the additional population and associated challenges presented with the equestrian season.

Ms. Shockley said she recently walked the preserve and thought it was a beautiful facility.

Dr. Falzone apologized for being a little late and asked for a motion to adjourn.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Chairperson