

**WELLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021 - 7:00 PM
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Anthony Forgione, Neil Brooks, Stephanie Cagnet Myron, Marc Coleman, Stephen Levin, Tomas Bueno

Members Absent: Sam Falzone

Village Staff: Eric Juckett, Branden Miller, Tanya Quickel

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at Wellington City Hall Council Chambers and all members were present excluding Sam Falzone.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Anthony Forgione led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by a 6-0 vote with Sam Falzone absent.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. December 7, 2020

The minutes were approved 6-0.

V. Presentation

A. Surtax Update

Tanya Quickel presents the surtax update. She discussed the Wellington High School project and its incurred costs, the Town Center Promenade Project as well as phase II, and the skate park. She then discussed the surtax revenue by year and how it has been impacted due to the pandemic.

Stephen Levin asked about the expenses for the two main projects relative to the budget. Tanya Quickel responded by stating how we are under budget for the expenditure portion. Stephen Levin also asked if we end up with a collection higher than the budget is necessary, will it be earmarked for a specific allocation. Tanya Quickel responded not at this time.

B. Skate Park Discussion

Jonathan Reinsvold presented the skate park removal and proposed replacement facilities. He discussed the conceptual park layout, schematic plan, as well as the cost estimates.

Marc Coleman asked about the color scheme and what was planned. He made a suggestion to avoid black due to the summer heat.

Anthony Forgione made a comment about how Wellington has taken such great care of all of our facilities and that this is long overdue as well as it being a great project.

Stephen Levin asked about if there is a cost, as well as whether or not that we have the ability to track its usage. Eric Juckett responded by explaining that it is free to use and that we do have the ability to track its usage. Stephen Levin then asked if this facility is tied into a part of the skating rink. Eric Juckett then explained that the skate park is slightly further east than the two skating rinks. Stephen Levin commented that it's tremendous to service these all types of activities as long as there is usage.

Neil Brooks commented that this is one of the fastest growing sports in America.

Anthony Forgione made a motion to approve the skate park and was approved unanimously.

VI. Staff Updates

Eric Juckett discussed the staff updates and introduced the new E-Newsletter that began on March 1, 2021. He also discussed the boat ramp closure, the upcoming Garlic Fest, the upcoming March Madness at Village Park, and the upcoming Earth Day event. He discussed how the athletic programs are all underway and getting back to normal. He then went over the movie nights and Green Market that take place at the Amphitheater and Wellington Community Center.

Stephen Levin asked about the newsletter and the QR code. Eric Juckett stated that the QR code and instructions for the newsletter will be posted throughout the Village.

Anthony Forgione and Tomas Bueno both thanked Eric for his hard work.

Marc Coleman has asked to receive updates at meetings regarding some of the questions that arose, such as the tracking of the skate park usage.

Stephanie Myron questioned how to opt in to the newsletter automatically and Eric Juckett explained how to receive the newsletter.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Board Comments

XI. Closing Comments

Anthony Forgione and Neil Brooks reiterated how the skate park project is long overdue.

Eric Juckett explained that it was heavily used while in poor shape and that we expect the usage to further increase when it gets renovated.

Tomas Bueno commented about it being a safe environment which is a positive

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Chairperson