

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
November 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.
Indian River Complex Office

Present: Chairman Joe Schettino, Vice Chairman Ron Stopkoski, Commissioners Julie Mendez, Mike Sutyla, Robert Karcich, Chris Williams, Chris Passante (arrived at 7:18)

Also present: Robert Potter

Guest: Alan Felgate, Representative of the Sailing Club

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Guest: The Sailing Club would like to thank the commission for their support over the years. The commission has three areas of concern; over-crowding, policing the area and the trailer. The Sailing Club has cleaned up the area and straightened up the boats. They also have plans to clean up the trailer and put new tires on it.

A. Felgate said there is a need to store sailboats at the beach and brought a proposal to the meeting on how this might be done. The commission thought A. Felgate's idea was a positive one. They will discuss his proposal at the February commission meeting.

Correspondence - none

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funds – Status of projects

- a. Pickleball: The P&R Department and Commission were recently informed that there are water and electric lines that run underneath the proposed area to house the pickleball courts. These lines will have to be encased in concrete to protect them. Based on this information, the commission requested four new quotes.
 - i. The first quote is for what the concrete encasement will add to the cost of putting three courts in the proposed area.
 - ii. The second quote is for moving the placement of the courts closer and into the wetlands area. This will require a retaining wall.
 - iii. The third quote is for reducing the number of courts from three to two and placing them in an area where we will not run into the water/electric lines and we will not encroach into the wetlands area.
 - iv. As a fourth alternative, we asked for an update on constructing three pickleball courts in the area where the basketball court is now at Indian River.
 - v. The next step is to go to the Town Council meeting and inform them on the different projects.
- b. Turf: C. Passante asked if extra speaker wire could be laid from the press booth to the other side of the field to hang speakers by the bleachers after the old turf is

removed and before the new turf is installed. It was agreed this was a good idea and should be done.

A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by C. Williams, to close the turf on November 19, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Beach Bathhouse: Regulations have changed and now we need to get a variance before any work can start on a new bathhouse. Going forward, permits need to be secured but a variance is necessary before we can get permits to build a building on the existing footprint. The building may have to be elevated due to new the regulations.
 - d. Peters' Bleachers: We have a bid number and would like to go to bid on this project. There are three bids:
 1. Demolition of old bleacher and installation of a new pad
 2. Installation of new bleachers
 3. Removal of old scoreboard and installation of a new scoreboard
2. P&R Commission's Short & Long Term Goals – A motion was made M. Sutyla, seconded by C. Williams to table the short and long terms goals until the January commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
 3. Alternative projects for Beach Grant use. There is approximately \$30,000 left of the money and it looks like that will be enough to install a new basketball court. This project has been on hold because we are in the process of getting permits for this project. By the time we get the necessary approvals, we may not be within budget. The commission will come up with alternate projects for the beach in the event there is not enough funds for a basketball court.

New Business:

2024 Park & Rec Commission meeting schedule - A motion was made by R. Stopkoski, seconded by R. Karcich, to approve the meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Basketball registration is in process.

We have an opening for an office clerk and maintenance person in the department.

A motion was made by R. Karcich, seconded by M. Sutyla, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Nichols
Clerk