

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOCA  
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON  
**July 29, 2015**

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Vogelgesang at approximately 5:15 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Steven M. Engel  
Dennis R. Frisch  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.  
Earl L. Starkoff  
Susan Vogelgesang

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Tom Thayer

4821 N. Dixie Highway, Boca Raton

Mr. Thayer advised that Mr. Gene Folden, Chairman of the Marine Advisory Board, observed that the vegetation at Ocean Strand is overgrown and needs to be trimmed.

The following individuals addressed the Board requesting the installation of two additional Pickleball Ball Courts inside the Sugar Sand Park Field House:

Stephanie Haliu

20647 Linksvew Circle, Boca Raton

David Millett

899 Jeffery Street, Boca Raton

Barbara Woychowski

330 N.W. 3rd Court, Boca Raton

Allan Ward

1200 N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Boca Raton

Mr. Ward presented a petition justifying the installation of two additional Pickleball courts. He repudiated the two reasons given by City of Boca Raton Athletic Programs Administrator, Kevin Beckman for not installing the courts: safety concerns and the distraction of additional lines on the floor. Mr. Ward included information from the Official Tournament Rulebook of the International Federation of Pickleball in support of his request for two additional courts.

At the request of Commissioner Starkoff, Mr. Koski will confirm the safety information proposed. In addition, City staff will determine the availability of courts to accommodate Pickleball players and will provide usage statistics for Board review.

Michele Peel

7391 N.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel personally thanked the Board for improvements in the budget process as compared to last year; there was more transparency and information was more readily available. She stated that the City has done an excellent job in justifying their needs, and she hopes that the Board will take their input with the level of importance that is warranted. Noting an anticipated lag in transferring

projects from the City to the District, she hopes that the projects can remain on or ahead of schedule and that City staff involved in the projects will continue to offer their support. As a taxpayer, she stated that she and her husband would support the current millage rate.

Chairman Vogelgesang introduced Boca Raton City Council Member Robert Weinroth who attended the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 6, 2015.

### **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

#### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Budget Discussion: Adoption of Proposed 2015-2016 Millage Rate**

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, acting Executive Director, provided two budget summaries for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 for Board discussion. One summary utilized the current millage rate of 0.9676 generating revenue of \$45,859,000; the other summary utilized the roll back rate of 0.9120 generating revenue of \$44,582,000. He proceeded to review each line item with the following project remarks:

##### *Spanish River Athletic Facilities – Phase II*

Mr. Koski noted that \$7,000,000 has been budgeted for Spanish River Athletic Facilities Phase II. He stated that he was verbally advised by Assistant City Manager Mike Woika that the District will shortly receive a new Phase II interlocal agreement indicating that the District will fund the construction costs and all of the related facilities. Mr. Woika indicated that there is no intention on the part of the City to deviate from the commitment that was made at the June 9 joint meeting [four grass fields at DeHoernle; three artificial turf at Patch Reef Park]. The Boca Raton City Council will need to approve the agreement.

##### *Red Reef Park Master Plan & Pump Replacement*

The City has given this project back to the District for administration, supervision, construction and funding. The District is awaiting an interlocal agreement from the City to confirm that the District will be the entity that is responsible for the project. Mr. Woika has advised that the interlocal agreement will be forthcoming shortly. Additionally, the permanent fix for the lines and pumps still needs to be determined.

##### *Red Reef Park Boardwalk*

To move the project forward expeditiously, the City's consultant ATM (Applied Technology Management) will become a sub-consultant of the District's consultant Miller Legg.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Rollins felt that going to the roll back rate may not be sufficient to fund all the items in the budget. He recommends that the budget include: 1) the addition of five water cooler replacements at the Patch Reef Park tennis center; 2) the conversion of four part time Park Ranger

positions to two full time positions, and 3) funding the position of a Senior Aquarist at Gumbo Limbo.

Commissioner Frisch recommends including \$390,100 in the budget to cover all the items listed as “For Future Consideration” in the City’s proposed operating and maintenance budget for FY 2015-2016.

Both Commissioner Starkoff and Commissioner Engel are opposed to maintaining the current millage rate. The \$1,277,000 raised in additional tax revenue would increase District Capital Reserves; not fund expected expenditures in the next fiscal year. The budget contains too many hypotheticals. There is enough flexibility in the budget to accomplish the items in the budget. The community should know in advance what the District wants them to fund.

Commissioner Vogelgesang is concerned about the unknown cost to implement suggested safety issues at Patch Reef Park [the removal of vegetation and the proposed increased lighting].

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt a preliminary roll back millage rate of **0.9120** for fiscal year 2015-2016.

<b><i>Roll Call Vote:</i></b>	Commissioner Frisch	No
	Commissioner Starkoff	Yes
	Commissioner Engel	Yes
	Commissioner Rollins	No
	Commissioner Vogelgesang	No

**MOTION FAILS 3-2**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adopt the current millage rate of **0.9676** for fiscal year 2015-2016.

<b><i>Roll Call Vote:</i></b>	Commissioner Frisch	Yes
	Commissioner Starkoff	No
	Commissioner Engel	No
	Commissioner Rollins	Yes
	Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes

**MOTION PASSES 3-2**

Mr. Koski will add a line item in the budget for design fees for a second Field House at Sugar Sand Park. In addition, the City’s Capital Improvement Reserves will be increased to include the additional items the City would like the Board to consider in the future.

**2. Set time, date and place of First Public Hearing on Proposed 2015-2016 Taxes & Budget**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to set the First Public Hearing on Proposed 2015-2016 Taxes & Budget for September 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

To allow for additional budget discussions, the Board “tentatively” scheduled a meeting for August 31. The September 8 regular meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, September 10.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$8,973.91

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Executive Director/District Counsel - None**

**Commissioners:**

*Sand Pine Park Usage*

Commissioner Starkoff stated that he has not yet seen the City’s fall schedule for football. However, he noted that Boca Jets/Lacrosse has been scheduled for the last Saturday in September, and every Saturday in October at Hillsboro El Rio. As Boca Jets/Lacrosse was a strong advocate with the City in support of artificial turf fields, he questioned why they, and Pop Warner Football, were not scheduled to use Sand Pine Park. He felt that if the community is going to expend capital dollars upfront at \$1 million a field, those groups who advocated for the artificial turf fields should maximize the use of the fields that are already in existence, particularly during peak usage. He also suggested that Flag Football be moved to Patch Reef Park. He requested a report from City staff explaining why Boca Jets/Lacrosse and Pop Warner Football are not utilizing Sand Pine Park.

*Gumbo Limbo Fencing*

Commissioner Vogelgesang noted that the fence on the east side of A-1-A at the golf course is in need of repair. She also inquired about the status of the Miller Legg charrette for the public. Mr. Koski will contact Miller Legg to obtain a timetable.


**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

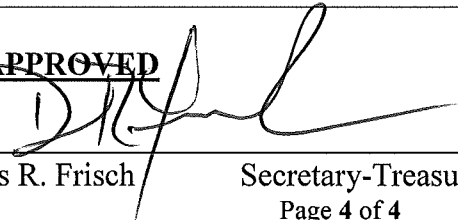
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Susan Vogelgesang  
Chairman  
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Dennis R. Frisch  
Secretary-Treasurer  
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