

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL
February 17, 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:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Starkoff and seconded by Commissioner Engel to add the following item to the agenda, to precede item number one, under Regular Business: Establish meeting dates to discuss user groups, membership counts and the scheduling of games and practices.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Michele Peel

7391 NE 8th Court, Boca Raton

Ms. Peel, Friends of Gumbo Limbo liaison to the District, reported that on President's Day, the nature center had over 1,500 visitors. Additionally, the "Sea Turtle Day Festival" will be held on February 28th celebrating 30 years of Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. In recognition of the event, the Boca Raton City Council will issue a proclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

At the request of Commissioner Frisch, the word "also" was inserted in the following sentence on page five, paragraph two, line six: "He is embarrassed for the people who want to apologize to some of the Commissioners for whatever reason and then exempt those who are also trying to do the best for our community".

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2015.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Establish meeting dates to discuss user groups, membership counts and the scheduling of games and practices.**

Commissioner Starkoff requested staff to prepare a report on the population of resident and non-resident user groups. Deliberating this information prior to making a decision on artificial turf/natural grass surfaces, may help clarify user group issues relative to peak load times and field availability.

Commissioner Frisch noted that at the last Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, data on “youth” user groups and the percentage of resident and non-resident populations was provided. The data did not detail adult sports or COBRA.

Commissioner Rollins expressed concern about the District’s ability to implement recommendations. He wants the analysis to accomplish something that benefits the District and the community.

Mr. Arthur C. Koski, interim Executive Director stated that as a decision approaches regarding additional fields and the surfaces on those fields, he will make a request to the City for more interaction relative to the scheduling of those fields. He hopes that the City will be receptive to the request.

2. Establish meeting dates for consideration of Artificial Turf/Natural Grass Surfaces

The Board agreed to reschedule the regular meeting of March 16 to March 17, at which time the item of resident/non-resident user group populations will be discussed.

The meeting of April 6 will be rescheduled to April 13, at which time the Board will make the final determination and recommendation to the City for the surface of fields and the number of fields the District would like to either construct or refurbish that are within the jurisdiction of the City and District. Mr. Koski and staff will also make a presentation to the Board on various alternatives of “celebration” grass and artificial turf.

A joint City/District meeting will be scheduled sometime after April 13.

3. Consider Sugar Sand Park Lighting Proposal – Zimmer Consultants

This item was deferred.

4. Establish meeting dates for discussion of User Fees

In an effort to reach a resolution on user fees, Commissioner Frisch suggested scheduling a meeting to include City Council Members, Parks and Recreation staff, and District staff to discuss the issue as everyone will have the same information at the same time.

Commissioner Starkoff felt that the District should establish the user fees and schedules that it will pass for presentation and consideration at the meeting.

Mr. Koski stated that some philosophical questions need to be answered, however, he believes that the District will find some consensus with the City Council on certain issues such as an agreement to charge non-residents of the District a user fee to use District and/or City facilities. Additional discussion items should include a better definition of the users; who is a resident, who is a non-resident, and how we account for them.

Commissioner Frisch would like to discuss with the City the issue of school groups using District/City facilities.

Further discussion will ensue after the Board reviews the data pertaining to the population of resident and non-resident user groups. Additional meeting dates will be established.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

<p><u>MOTION</u> was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the invoices as presented totaling \$57,799.77.</p>

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director

Sugar Sand Park Science Playground

Mr. Koski met with Mr. Leathers and the two project architects. Certain issues needed to be resolved before the plans were ready to be bid. The plans will be submitted to an electronic plan room on February 23, and the project will be advertised shortly thereafter. Project completion is estimated at 180 to 210 days.

Swim & Racquet Center

Mr. Koski and Assistant Director Briann Harms will meet with City Planning & Advisory staff and other pertinent parties to review comments made by the City on the project. The comments, with the exception of one item, are fairly benign. One item may require some land use changes in the form of an amendment to the Via Verde PUD to accommodate the District offices in the two-story building that is being contemplated.

Patch Reef Park & DeHoernle Park

In anticipation of the April 13th Board meeting, Mr. Koski and Ms. Harms will prepare items relating to Patch Reef Park and DeHoernle Park. Items under consideration consist of doing the three fields at Patch Reef Park (regardless of what the surfaces will be) and moving forward with DeHoernle Park Phase II. Dr. Busey, Agronomist, has been contacted and will be establishing specifications for the sub-grade and base materials for use of celebration grass at Patch Reef Park. Dr. Busey will also provide information to mix and match fields at Patch Reef Park. Sports Turf One will provide information on the installation and maintenance of grass fields.

Mr. Koski spoke with the engineer for DeHoernle Park Phase II, and they have been updated on the negotiations with the City on the project. He has asked the engineer and architect to start to consider again some of the issues related to the construction of Phase II so as to be in position to swiftly move the project forward when a consensus is reached with the City Council.

Red Reef Park

Miller Legg is awaiting a report from the American Nature Center Association so that they can consider the report in the completion of their amended master plan.

Sugar Sand Park

Mr. Koski met with Mr. Wayne Anderson, City of Boca Raton Facilities Maintenance Manager, regarding replacement of the air conditioning chillers in the community center and field house. It appears that the lifespan of the existing mechanical equipment could be extended. The District will procure an engineer to conduct an air conditioning system study.

District Counsel - None

Commissioners

Agronomist Report

Referencing Dr. Busey's report, Commissioner Starkoff would like the City's answers to the questions recommended in the report available at the March 17th meeting.

Science Playground

Commissioner Frisch asked if the Science Playground plans will be reviewed by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector. Mr. Koski responded that all safety concerns are being addressed by registered architects in the State of Florida.

Spanish River Athletic Complex

Referencing Phase II, Commissioner Frisch asked if the work the engineers and architects are currently performing include storage/maintenance/rest room facilities. In addition to the facilities noted by Commissioner Frisch, Mr. Koski included maintenance buildings along Spanish River Blvd., connectors to Banyon Trail, new human rest rooms at the Dog Park and an interconnect between the Dog Park and DeHoernle Park.

To accommodate dog owners using the rest room, Commissioner Frisch suggested installing some type of cages to confine their dogs.

Patch Reef Park

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of the tree trimming at the subject park. Ms. Harms will follow-up on the matter.

Commissioner Vogelgesang inquired about the status of some of the suggestions made by Motre regarding vegetation. Mr. Koski felt that the District needs to prioritize its projects. Once a decision is made on field surfaces, the District will need to determine how to implement all of the capital projects that are necessary within Patch Reef Park and outside the park.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

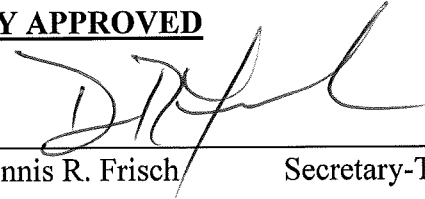
March 2 – Sugar Sand Park Lighting Proposal – Zimmer Consultants
User Fees

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Frisch and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED


Susan Vogelgesang Chairman


Dennis R. Frisch Secretary-Treasurer