

City of Palm Bay, Florida

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting 2019-03**

Held on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2019, in the conference Room located at the Parks & Recreation Office, 1150 Degroodt Road, Palm Bay, FL 32908

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Parks Administration Office at 1150 DeGroodt Road., Palm Bay, Florida 32908.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Salvatore Ferranti at 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman:	Salvatore Ferranti	Present
Vice-Chairman:	Donny Felix	Present
Secretary:	Scott Duncan	Present
Member:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Present
Member:	Donovan Davidson	Present
Member:	Sean Brooks	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Fred Poppe, Director, City of Palm Bay Parks and Recreation.

ADOPTION of MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2018-10, October 2, 2018

Motion by Sean Brooks , 2nd by Salvatore Ferranti , to adopt the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

none

REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Report – Fred Poppe, City of Palm Bay Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Poppe noted all were present at this meeting and mentioned the difficulty we have been having to have a quorum at our meeting while the position vacated by Dan Hatcher last September is still open. Fred noted Councilman Bailey is aware he needs to appoint a replacement for this Advisory Board.

Mr. Poppe discussed the new management in the City managers Office and the P&R Department is working to find an understanding of the new managers priorities.

The Parks & Recreation Department has been asked to present at the Citizens Budget Advisory Board Meeting, along with other departments. The presentations are to be scheduled starting March 19 in the City Council Chamber Room at City Hall. These are open to the public.

Movie in the Parks has been a great success, however the equipment being used is beginning to show its age. Fred Poppe said the new equipment is on the way and he learned a lot about procurement processes that has been placed on the city departments.

Ground Breaking at the Fred Poppe Park, Campground took place in February and was well attended by local dignitaries. With the process underway, there are some residual financing issues that still need to overcome. Fred Poppe noted some of the work will be performed by the city to keep external costs to a minimum.

Fred Poppe spoke of City of Palm Bay Workshops being scheduled to discuss future Impact Fees for funding expansions with Police, Fire and Parks Services, related to the new development planned along the St. Johns Parkway. Noting the Overpass on I-95 near Micco Road is near completions and many new homes are slated to the area in the future.. An outside firm has recommended increase impact fees.

Fred Poppe also explained some legislation being proposed to ensure funding for our City Parks. Currently Brevard County collects a .6 mill assessment for Parks and Recreation. this will end in 2020. the City is attempting to get on the ballot for the .6 Mileage continue however be for the City of Palm Bay Parks and Recreation. As the county has shifted the ownership of many parks to the City of Palm Bay. Watch for more information. The effort is to get the assessment on the 2019 ballot so it could take effect in 2020 if passed by the voters.

Home Town News has begun dedicating a page for City of Palm Bay, One such story highlighted the community involvement and improvements at the Turkey Creek Sanctuary.

Fred Poppe discussed a Community Meeting with Wake Forest area residents to discuss the request to build a park in that part of the city. Plans are in place to place a basket ball court in the area, however requirement for drainage and parking have to be planned and financed before moving forward.

The Swimming Pool at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center has been closed because of a major water leak. The repairs are in the bidding process and the pool will be closed until the repairs are complete.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to hold the November meeting at Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1150 DeGroodt Road., Palm Bay, Florida 32908 , on April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm. motion by Sean Brooks, 2nd Denise Bowes-Valcin. Passed

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Salvatore Ferranti adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm

ATTEST:

Chairman Salvatore Ferranti

Secretary Scott Duncan

F Indicates item was considered out of sequence or added to the agenda.