

City of Palm Bay, Florida

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting No. 2019-08**

Held on Tuesday, the 6th day of August, 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 7:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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CHAIRMAN:	Salvatore Ferranti	Present
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Donny Felix	Present
SECRETARY:	Scott Duncan	Present
MEMBER:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Absent
MEMBER:	Donovan Davidson	Resigned
MEMBER:	Sean Brooks	Absent
MEMBER:	Anthony Harris	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ADOPTION of MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting No. 2019-06, June 4, 2019

Motion by Donny Felix, seconded by Mr. Harris to adopt the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tim Nunesser and Philip Nungesser presented a proposal to rename Knecht Park in honor of Lynne Manion Nungesser.

Tim Nungesser explained the contributions Lynne Manion Nungesser made to our

community. Her career of service with the Palm Bay Police Department spanned from 1973 to 2014. Serving in many roles including Deputy Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (continued)

Her participation with the Palm Bay Little League Baseball program at Knecht Park, as constant organizer and volunteer. She also supported the Police Athletic League and spent many hours each week at Knecht Park. Mr. Ferranti commented, he understands the dedication and effort Lynne Manion Nungesser put forth to help the program and the kids improve. Salvatore Ferranti then asked about the possibility that Knecht Park is a Legacy to the Knecht Family and they may have an interest in keeping the name on the park. If the City of Palm Bay were to reach out to them and they did not wish to change the name, would another Park meet the needs for honoring Lynne Manion Nungesser. Philip Nungesser replied that Knecht Park is the preferred park. The intent was not to upset another family only to honor the Nungesser contribution to Palm Bay and Little League Baseball. West Oaks Park was suggested by Mr. Poppe as an alternative if there is an interest in keeping Knecht Park as named. Both Time and Philip Nungesser agreed.

REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Report – Fred Poppe, Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Poppe reviewed the progress on the work being done to prepare for the campground at Fred Poppe Park.

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. Mr. Poppe updated us on the process to repair the pool and the city is still looking for a company that can meet the requirements to repair the pool.

Mr. Poppe reported on the success of the Independence Day Celebration.

Looking forward, Mr. Poppe reminded us of future events already in the works. Including the November 9th Veteran's day Parade, and the December 6th Christmas Parade. Also returning this year, the Haunted Trails for all ages at Turkey Creek Sanctuary.

Mr. Poppe then reviewed his presentation to the impact fee study being conducted for the southeast portion of Palm Bay.

REPORTS: (continued)

New Recreation Advisory Board Member, Mr. Harris asked for an update for the trips to pro-soccer or basketball in Orlando. Mr. Poppe explained some of the obstacles and will report at our next meeting if some of them can be overcome.

Mr. Harris then asked if there was a way to get local talent for the First Friday events. Many acts are coming from Orlando to perform in Palm Bay. Mr. Poppe said many acts are already booked here locally so it is difficult to hire them. They do however, prefer to hire acts locally and go to Orlando to fill the gaps.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to recommend to the Palm Bay City Council, renaming a park to be determined by Mr. Poppe after contacting the Knecht Family, following the Parks and Recreation Facilities Renaming Guidelines, and adhering to criteria 2. Memorializing a Deceased Person and 3. Services Rendered, in honor of Lynne Manion Nungesser, for her service to the Palm Bay Little League Community, the City of Palm Bay, and the Palm Bay Police Department. Motion by Mr. Felix, 2nd Mr. Harris. Passed

Motion to hold the May meeting at Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1150 Degroodt Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32908, on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Salvatore Ferranti adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

ATTEST:

Chairman Salvatore Ferranti

Secretary Scott Duncan