

City of Palm Bay, Florida
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting 2020-10

Held on Tuesday, the 6th day of October 2020, in the conference Room located at the Tony Rosa Community Center, 1502 Port Malabar Blvd NE., Pam Bay, FL 32905.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ferranti at 7:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRMAN:	Salvatore Ferranti	Present
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Donny Felix	Absent
SECRETARY:	Scott Duncan	Present
MEMBER:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Present
MEMBER:	Anthony Harris	Present
MEMBER:	Randy Foster	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	

CITY STAFF:

Present was Fred Poppe, Parks and Recreation Director

ADOPTION of MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2020-08; August 4, 2020

Motion by Mrs. Bowes-Valcin, seconded by Mr. Harris to adopt the minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

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

Mr. Poppe reported that the Parks and Recreation Department had some unique situations to deal with this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaning on the side of caution and with safety in mind, there had been a partial opening of the community centers with precautions. Temperature checks had been implemented before entering

and social distancing guidelines had been followed as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

All parks were opened, and youth sports leagues had begun conditioning and practicing with precautions. Some leagues were still waiting before beginning their season.

Other news included an update of the Palm Bay Aquatic Center (PBAC). Repairs had been started and the department had assigned a manager for the facility. Staff was looking forward to reopening as soon as it was safe to do so. Due to extensive rain, the PBAC was approximately two weeks behind the planned reopening. However, progress was being made and there would be a soft opening planned to include lap swimming by appointment. The department saved operation costs while it had been closed and some of the money had been approved to spend on updating some of the equipment around the pool, along with proposals to update the lighting to LED and replace the aging slide which would be presented to City Council in the future for approval.

The septic system upgrades at Fred Poppe Regional Park (FPRP) had started and once complete, all restrooms would be connected to sewer and would no longer use the septic tanks underground.

All holiday events were still planned to occur. Preparations were underway and would continue until the status changed. These events included the Veteran's Day Parade and the Holiday Parade. Plans were also underway to set up a drive-through light display at FPRP similar to the one held at Wickham Park.

Funding had been identified for replacing playgrounds. The bid process had begun, and staff would be accepting bids to replace up to eight (8) playgrounds. The Hurricane Paintball Park vendor had decided not to renew, and discussions had begun to add another dog park in the northeast area of the City. Cost proposals had been submitted to the City Council.

At the next City Council meeting, staff would be presenting a business model plan for the campground operation at FPRP.

Mr. Harris reported that some community organizations were looking at presenting a month-long 'Bringing People Together Celebration' with heritage-based events.

Chairman Ferranti requested a letter be sent to any councilmembers that had not appointed a representative for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:50 p.m.

Salvatore Ferranti, Chairman

ATTEST:

Scott Duncan, Secretary