

City of Palm Bay, Florida
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting 2021-04

Held on Tuesday, the 6th day of April 2021, in the conference room located at the Ted Whitlock Community Center, 370 Champion Cir NW, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law. The minutes are on file in the Parks Administration Office at 1150 DeGroodt 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:	Benjamin Aubin Jr.	Present
INTERIM SECRETARY:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Absent
MEMBER:	Thomas Gaume	Absent
MEMBER:	Thomas Graver	Present
MEMBER:	Gabriel Capote	Present
MEMBER:	Phil Defranco	Present

CITY STAFF:

Present was Fred Poppe, Parks and Recreation Director

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2021-03; March 2, 2021

Note: As it was unclear if these minutes were officially adopted by the Board, the minutes would be placed on a subsequent meeting to be readopted.

REPORTS:

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

Mr. Poppe made the following reports:

- The quote for the pool slide at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center came in \$60,000 over budget.

- Basketball courts at West Pine should be completed by the end of May 2021.
- The sewer project at Fred Poppe Regional Park (FPRP) was ahead of schedule and should be completed by May 2021.
- Requests for Proposals for playground equipment were due by the end of May 2021 and four (4) of the playground equipment had been removed.

Mr. Poppe said he would be attending the Citizens Budget Advisory Board meeting on April 14, 2021. He would discuss future plans for a south regional park due to the increased housing near the new interchange.

Mr. Poppe discussed the possibility of a Palm Bay Fairgrounds and announced the renaming and dedication ceremony scheduled for the baseball/softball complex at FPRP April 15, 2021, at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Poppe discussed working with the Brevard Caribbean American Sports and Cultural Association (BCASCA) regarding the Multi-Cultural Event scheduled for September 2021. The Palm Bay Chamber was also involved.

The Board discussed having a group tour of all Parks and Recreation facilities in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of Renaming of Castaway Point Park

Mrs. Shoemaker addressed the Board regarding the renaming of Castaway Point Park to the Kayla Marie Shoemaker Memorial Park. Mr. Flowers read a letter on behalf of Mrs. Shoemaker and distributed photographs of Kayla.

Discussion ensued and several alternatives were given should the Board and/or City Council deny the request.

Motion by Mr. Aubin, seconded by Mr. Capote, to deny the request. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman and Secretary

The Board concurred to continue the item to the next meeting when all board members

were present.

3. Appointment of Chairman

The Board concurred to continue the item to the next meeting when all board members were present.

The next meeting would be held at the Captains House on May 4, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Future meetings would be held at other Parks and Recreation facilities on a rotating basis.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Salvatore Ferranti, Chairman

ATTEST:

Denise Bowes-Valcin, Interim Secretary