



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD -
MINUTES**

Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Stephen Ross, called the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, being held at the PREC Monday, October 2, 2017, to order at 6 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were:

Sandra Schrouder	Board Member
Stephen Ross	Chairman
Eric Young	Board Member
Charles Hoffman	Board Member
Laurie Plotnick	Alternate Board Member
Joel Neiberg	Alternate Board Member
David Kurlander	Board Member
Joseph Kohn	Board Member

Others Present were:

Tim Mooney	Interim Parks & Recreation Director
Nancy Morando	Assistant City Manager
Kenton Smith	Program Specialist II/Athletics
Jennifer Johnson	City Clerk

Absent were:

Howard Wyner	Board Member
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Laurie Plotnick, Alternate Board Member
SECONDER:	Eric Young, Board Member
AYES:	Schrouder, Ross, Young, Hoffman, Plotnick, Kurlander, Kohn
ABSENT:	Wyner

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

5. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR AND BOARD

Board Chairman, Steven Ross, stated there are bag hooks on only one side of the poles at the Tennis Center. He would like hooks on both sides. He stated people like to hang their bags so they can sit on the benches. Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated he will resolve it.

Board member, Joseph Kohn asked what the Board's role is, and who the Board should go to now that Dana Kasler has resigned as the Parks & Recreation Director. Assistant City Manager Nancy Morando introduced Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney. Morando stated she would like to see the board be more effective, and get things done. Morando stated Commissioner Grace Solomon suggested creating subgroups if necessary. The Board can talk and guide staff, and figure things out together.

Board member, Joseph Kohn stated there is a disconnect between staff and travel baseball. There is not good communication between travel teams and scheduler. Morando introduced Program Specialist II/Athletics, Kenton Smith as the one who handles all athletic field coordination, he is the programmer. Morando stated travel leagues are not following the Sports Policy. They are supposed to give notice when scheduling fields and making changes. Morando stated Marc is the main contact for travel. Staff should contact coaches. The Board controls the end result of how to resolve scheduling issues. Kohn went on to state that our fields have drainage problems. Per our charter we are supposed to be running a 1st class organization, with 1st class sports fields. Marc is the liaison for travel baseball. Morando stated it will be easier for the City to manage everything going through one person. Mooney stated that going forward communication will be stronger, and that we are still waiting on some paperwork.

Alternate Board Member, Laurie Plotnick stated that she is very satisfied with all the options for older adults at the PREC. Plotnick stated that she brought her issues to this forum, and staff did come up with many options, resolving her issue of offering options for older adults at the PREC. She thinks other sports issues will be resolved in the same way, by the board bringing the problems to this forum.

Chair, Stephen Ross, stated the Sports Policy covered issues in the past, but now as the city grows we will have problems again. Fields will be less and less available. They used to bring plans to this Board about new fields. We are all concerned about the future and planning.

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Board member, Eric Young stated there are more problems coming up now because there are new coaches who don't know our Sports Policy.

Morando stated she wants to bring the Sports Policy draft back to the Board before it goes to the City Commission.

Board member, Eric Young stated our Sports Policy needs to get out there for coaches and Boards to see it in writing. That makes for a better season for the kids.

Board member, Sandra Schroeder stated when the Board takes a second look at the Sports Policy draft, perhaps sanctions should be included for smoother running facilities.

Board member, David Kurlander stated there was an awesome job done rescheduling for flag football. He went on to question our lightning policy.

Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated Park Rangers have to leave the field when the Thor Guard sounds. Park Rangers go to the coaches and refs. Coaches should get the kids off the field. Mooney informed the Board that 2-3 months ago the Chief Ranger changed policy, and now Park Rangers must leave the field when the Thor Guard lightning horn goes off.

Board member, David Kurlander asked when canopies will go back up on top of the bleachers. Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated his main objective after Hurricane Irma was public safety, roadways, sidewalks, and now we are getting everything back to par, and asked for patience.

Board member, Sandra Schroeder stated Board members are willing to assist if the City needs volunteers on the weekend.

Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated raking fields should be done by staff only. City has full and part time workers during the week, whose schedules criss cross. After the part time workers punch in, they take care of the fields. This will be addressed at the coaches meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sandra Schroeder, Board Member
SECONDER:	Eric Young, Board Member
AYES:	Ross, Hoffman, Plotnick, Kurlander, Kohn,
ABSENT:	Wyner

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7. NEW BUSINESS

7. a. Hurricane Irma

Storm Damage & Rescheduling

Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated we are in the process of putting up shades. We lost one big canopy over a playground. We lost some of our beautiful trees at Terramar. We have gotten them taken care of. We have got into a lot of the rescheduling. We have caught up with tackle football.

7. b. Special Events Update

Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated we are known for our Farmer's Market in the winter. For now our Equestrian Center is being used as our debris management site. It will probably be December before we get our Equestrian Center back to the way it was. Our Farmer's Market will probably roll out in December.

We recommended to Mayor Hunschofsky that Trunk or Treat for the kids be moved to the PREC. It will be a safer environment here, with parking for 300-500 cars. The Hayride will be able to go back to the Equestrian Center.

7. c. Concessions for Games

Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated we have a new format for concessions. We did a trial run with two food trucks at a football game and the parents loved it. The scheduling of trucks is difficult for some games. Travel baseball said no to Food Trucks. Trucks can't make money if there are only 20 kids and 30 parents at one game. We are looking at scheduling games consecutively to entice food trucks to come out.

7. d. New Season- League Paperwork

Assistant City Manager, Nancy Morando stated there is a plan in place, if the paperwork is not in, we won't reserve fields for them. Kenton Smith stated, Little League and Pokers have not submitted their paperwork that was requested in May. Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Mooney stated once they get it in, they will be on a cycle, and they will know that every year it will be consistent. He went on to state that 272 people are scheduled for the big 5K this weekend. Numbers are a little off due to Irma, and another 5K on the east side is scheduled this weekend.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Interim Parks and Recreation Director, Tim Mooney, stated he is at the PREC in the mornings, and he heads to the Tennis Center at lunch, where his office is. He will email Board members his contact information.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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There being nothing further to discuss, Board member Eric Young made a motion to adjourn. David Kurlander seconded the motion. Chair Stephen Ross adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Transcribed and submitted by Deputy City Clerk – Stephanie Frohman

ATTEST:

Chair – Stephen Ross

The above signature is the Deputy City Clerk of the City of Parkland, Florida, and the information provided herein are the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting held Monday, October 2, 2017, which were formally approved and adopted by the Parks & Recreation Board November 6, 2017.

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