

NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the North Brevard Commission on Parks & Recreation (NBCPR), an advisory board, held Thursday, February 14, 2008, in the Brevard Room of the Brevard County Government Complex-North.

Members Present

Ted Beck, Chairman
Barry Gainer
Dick Gossett
Shawn Harris
Gigi Henkel
Scott Johnson
George Newman
Members Absent
Dr. Ron Bobay, Vice Chairman
Rick Pucci

City of Titusville Staff Present

Conrad Eigenmann, Titusville City Council Person, Liaison
Jim Herron, Public Works Director

Brevard County Staff Present

Kathie England, Administrative Aide to Commissioner Scarborough
Cheryl Page, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
Terry A. Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager
John Dacus, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Michael J. Rubacky, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Richard L. Tucci, Recreation Superintendent
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator
Jill Hill, Recreation Program Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
Terry Lane reported Dr. Bobay and Rick Pucci have schedule conflicts.

Motion by Gigi Henkel, seconded by Barry Gainer, to excuse absences.

AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson

NAY: None Carried 6-0

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bea Polk inquired about what is being done on Marina Park. Terry Lane reported the plan is being presented to Titusville CRA on March 11 at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The plan will be mailed to Mrs. Polk.

Joan Wheeler expressed concern about the 2000 and 2006 Referendums, stated 2006 ballot language was clear, questioned projects not being done, questioned amount taken out of Marina Park, questioned where money is coming from for City storm water pond, expressed concern about Parrish Medical Center Foundation being a political action committee and involved with Chain of Lakes, and asked that copies of documents she presented be sent to each advisory board member.

George Newman arrived during above discussion.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Shawn Harris, seconded by Dick Gossett, to approve the revised draft of minutes of January 10, 2008, with additional item headings.

AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson, Newman

NAY: None

Carried 7-0

IV. REFERENDUM & OTHER PROJECTS

A. Reports—Chuck Mays reported as follows:

- Chain of Lakes—Two playgrounds are being installed at soccer and the 3-plex softball.
- Holder Park—Sewer system is installed and the as built plans are in the review process. Roof on the old concession is completed.
- Manatee Hammock Shoreline—Work is completed.
- North Brevard Senior Center—Roof repairs started today and should take a week to complete.
- Parrish Park—Scottsmoor Field Lighting—Work is completed.
- Pritchard House—Foundation work should be completed in the next few weeks.
- Sand Point Park—The low bidder for the nine pavilions is protesting being disqualification. He was disqualified because he did not submit the paperwork properly.
- Scottsmoor Meeting Hall—Plans are in the permit review stage.
- Walter Butler Community Center—The certificate of occupancy was received today.
- Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier—The 100% drawings are expected by the end of May.

B. North Brevard Referendum Prospective Projects—

Terry Lane drew attention to the latest action with the approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of \$800,000 for the catwalks under the Max Brewer Bridge that show as preliminary committed on the matrix. The bridge plans are being moved forward, possibly as early as this year.

Bea Polk stated she doesn't think \$500,000 for stormwater at the North Brevard Senior Center (NBSC)

should show as approved if there is no contract and the NBCPR did not vote on it. Terry Lane noted it shows it is to be reimbursed by the City of Titusville. Based on a letter sent to the BOCC, staff is in the process of preparing an agreement for a loan of up to \$500,000 to the City of Titusville that will be sent to the BOCC after review by legal staff. Mrs. Polk stated her objection.

Joan Wheeler questioned why new projects are being started when original projects are not finished and objected to plans being drawn for the stormwater at NBSC when there is no agreement.

In response to an inquiry from George Newman, Terry Lane stated all agreements go before the BOCC, not the NBCPR.

In response to an inquiry from Gigi Henkel, Mr. Lane reported a trails meeting was held between the three counties involved and it looks very positive for additional funding from the State to build the trailheads. EELs did not purchase the property at Blounts Ridge Road. Conrad Eigenmann reported that at the MPO meeting today it sounded like the information on the funding should be received any day.

C. Fay Lake Wilderness Park (FLWP) Phase 2 Conceptual Plan—Terry Lane reported the FLWP Committee voted unanimously to move forward with the plan with a couple of changes, and to allow Fire Rescue use of up to four acres east of the connector, that isn't being used by the park, for a fire station. The value of the land will be reimbursed by Fire Rescue. Changes are the dog park area is identified but will not be funded, the maintenance building is to be an optional item due to the cost increase from \$50,000 to \$300,000 to provide for maintenance of other parks in the area. Staff is researching for the Committee why the pedway was increased from five feet to six feet width and the Committee wants it to continue along the north side of the lake.

Gigi Henkel objected to using sheds for maintenance and to downsizing the maintenance building. Terry Lane reported some money has been spent on engineering and permitting. The funding on hand today is \$1,128,389.76 and the plan is estimated to cost \$1,500,000 to complete. The exact cost won't be known until it is bid. The maintenance building would be four-bay with storage area and small office and would serve as a hub for the Port St. John parks. Terry noted there will be additional revenue if Fire Rescue uses the land. In response to inquiries from Dick Gossett, Terry Lane reported the only public comment at the Committee meetings was about the dog park and that the plan shows a proposed

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dock that includes a concrete launch area. In response to an inquiry from Gigi Henkel, Mr. Lane reported \$75,000 for a dog park at FLWP is budgeted in balance forward, however the balance forward amount won't be known until June.

Motion by Gigi Henkel, seconded by Shawn Harris, to approve the Fay Lake Wilderness Park plan with the option for the larger maintenance building, rather than going with the smaller building, when funds become available.

AYE: Beck, Gainer, Gossett, Harris, Henkel, Johnson, Newman

NAY: None

Carried 7-0

Dick Gossett noted differences in cost estimate in elements at Marina Park and FLWP. Terry Lane noted the difference in the dog park estimates is artificial turf at Marina and grass at FLWP. The other cost estimates were given by different engineering firms.

V. OLD BUSINESS—None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Opening of Titusville Veterans' Memorial Fishing Pier Concession and Request for Tiki Hut—Terry Lane reported Dania Pier Management, Inc., has requested permission to install a Tiki hut no larger than 12x16 feet on the deck for smokers. The Gold Star Mothers plaque dedication and opening of the concession will be March 7 at 10 a.m.

Joan Wheeler questioned if this is what is wanted in this family area and objected to the County paying for it. Terry Lane stated the concessionaire will have to get permits and licensing from the city and installation and maintenance is at the expense of the concessionaire.

Dick Gossett expressed concern about drinking outside at a Tiki hut. Terry Lane reported the concessionaire will have staff in the Tiki hut and they are permitted to serve beer and wine. No outside alcohol is to be brought into that area or the pier. Beer and wine purchased at the concession can be taken onto the pier. Chairman Beck noted the Tiki hut also provides a place for smokers.

Motion by Barry Gainer, seconded by Scott Johnson, to approve the concessionaire's request that he be allowed to install a Tiki hut on the deck of the concession area.

AYE: Beck, Gainer, Henkel, Johnson

NAY: Gossett, Harris, Newman

Carried 4-3

VII. REPORTS

A. Advisory Board Members on Assigned Parks—
None.

B. City of Titusville Staff Report—Jim Herron reported the Titusville City Council approved the request to televise the April and May meetings from Council Chambers.

C. North Area Parks Operations Staff Reports—Terry Lane noted the packet contains a thank you letter from Ray Haskell, reappointment of Gigi Henkel, information from Scott Knox regarding referendum ballot language and flexibility in projects.

Mike Rubacky reported fields are being prepared for Little Leagues. Sod was completed for athletic turf at Cuyler Park. Furniture is being moved into Walter Butler Community Center.

Terry Lane noted the dedication for Walter Butler Community Center has been postponed. Bernice G. Jackson Park dedication will be March 1, and March 7 will be the rededication of the memorial plaque and opening of the concession at the pier as mentioned earlier. Both are at 10 a.m.

In response to an inquiry from Conrad Eigenmann about the purchase of land at Dairy Road for entrance into Chain of Lakes, Terry Lane stated it was approved by the BOCC, acreage was purchased and permitting is in progress.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted M. Beck, Chairman

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