

June 20, 2007

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Naples, Florida, June 20, 2007**

**LET IT BE REMEMBERED**, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 2:00 P.M., at the North Collier Regional Park in the Administration Building in Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

**CHAIRMAN:** John P. Ribes  
**Vice Chairman:** Edward "Ski" Olesky  
Frank Donohue (Excused)  
Barbara Buehler  
Timothy Toole (Excused)  
Kerry Geroy  
Bart Zino

**ALSO PRESENT:** Barry Williams - Director, Parks & Recreation  
Ilonka Washburn, Operations Manager  
Murdo Smith, Beach & Water Superintendent  
Paul Ducca, Information Technology  
Jim Thomas, Project Manager  
Ray Carter, Project Manager

A. **The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Ribes at 2:07 P.M. A quorum was established.**

B. **The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was given by Chairman John Ribes.**

C. **Approval of Agenda**

**Mr. Olesky moved to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Geroy. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

D. **Approval of May 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Olesky moved to approve the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Zino. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

E. **New Business**

**1) Director's Highlights -Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation**

**Mr. Williams reported as follows:**

- Tax reform will impact Parks & Recreation as Parks & Recreation is heavily subsidized by ad valorem taxes
- Suggested spending cuts will be discussed at the next Collier County Board of County Commissioners meeting and the Board of County Commissioners will make the final decision on the spending cuts
- Expenses must be cut and suggestions for doing so were as follows: Sun & Fun hours could be cut during winter months; a hiring freeze could be implemented and overtime eliminated; hours in community centers could be reduced; job bank employees could be used only when a fee is being charged
- Possible means of increasing revenue would be to increase the cost of an annual beach pass and an overall fee increase of 10% could be imposed on all activities currently being charged for
- Not filling open positions does put a strain on the current employees
- Manatee Park conceptual plan is being worked on, quotes are being obtained, plans will go before the Board of County Commissioners in September
- Summer camp has 1,300 participants signed up

**2) Introduction of New Advisory Board Members - Barry Williams**

**Mr. Williams introduced the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members, Bart Zino and Barbara Buehler. Chairman Ribes welcomed them.**

**3) Employee Recognition of Ellen Barkin - Barry Williams**

**Chairman Ribes presented Ellen Barkin with a plaque in recognition of her efforts in saving the life of a Collier County citizen.**

**4) Online Registration/Website Presentation - Paul Ducca, Collier County Information Technology Department**

**Mr. Ducca** gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CLASS program.

- CLASS would allow people to sign up for Parks and Recreation programs and renew memberships from home
- CLASS system would save Collier County money
- A secure website would be provided through encryption
- Customer would pay a transaction fee for the service
- Mr. Ducca requested a recommendation from the Advisory Board to move forward on the project

**Discussion** ensued as follows:

**Mr. Ribes** commented that the program would provide convenience to the public, usage would be voluntary and the transaction fee would be reasonable.

**Mr. Zino** commented that minimum usage might not be met in the off-season, and it is not desirable for Collier County to handle credit cards.

**Mr. Olesky** moved that the internet registration and payment program be approved with the convenience fees for said transactions to be passed on to the customer. **Seconded by Mr. Zino. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**Mr. Williams** introduced Ilonka Washburn, Operations Manager, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**Chairman Ribes** welcomed Ms. Washburn.

**5) 2007 Food Grant Presentation - Jim Thomas**

**Mr. Thomas** gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Summer Food Service Program for Children.

- Collier County would be reimbursed based on the number of meals served
- Meals are delivered by truck
- Number of meals estimated for 2007 is 150,000
- Program has received many awards
- Site is only site permitted to serve hot food
- Increase in usage of the program is due to discovering new area to serve

**6) July is Parks and Recreation Recognition Month - Barry Williams**

**Mr. Williams** stated Parks and Recreation Recognition month would be celebrated with an ice cream social on July 26, 2007.

**F. Old Business**

**Little League Complex - Barry Williams**

**Mr. Williams** discussed efforts to organize the new little league complex.

**G. Recreation Highlights**

**OHV Park Temporary Site - Murdo Smith**

**Mr. Smith** gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Off-Highway Vehicle Park.

- Wetlands will be protected with a saltation fence and bales of hay
- Protecting wetlands would be largest expense
- Property is being leased to South Florida Water Management District
- Park will be 150 acres and open to the public on scheduled weekends
- Three part-time park rangers will be on duty 12 hours per day with a ranger stationed at the gate
- Park will only accommodate ATVs
- Amenities will include portable toilets, a helicopter landing pad for use in case of emergencies, parking for 100 to 125 vehicles and trailers
- Riders would be required to obtain a permit prior to using the park
- DOT-approved helmets and safety equipment would be required
- Rangers would have ATVs and a sports-utility vehicle
- South Florida Water management is going to provide \$75,000 for the start-up operation
- Area must be restored when the lease is up
- Fee of \$5 to \$10 per day per vehicle is being considered
- Fish and Game Commission would provide policing

**H. Capital Project Highlight**

**Caxambas Marina - Ray Carter**

**Mr. Carter** provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding construction of the new park fuel installation.

- New tank is located away from the old tank
- Diesel and gasoline fuel will be available
- Inspection will be performed around the old tank to determine if there are any contaminants
- Cost of the new system is \$199,814 with the contract being awarded to Mactec Environmental and Engineering Service. PMI is the subcontractor
- Fuel tank would hold 5,000 gallons on each side
- New landscaping buffer is to be planted between Eagle Cay and the park
- A third floating dock 12x64, ADA accessible, is currently in design and being permitted
- Green space and a picnic area is planned in the area of the old tank pit
- Possibility of installing a second tank in order to better accommodate larger boats could be considered but the current system would be able to accommodate the larger boats

**I. Adopt-A-Park - Tim Toole Reporting on Barefoot Beach Preserve/Access, Conner Park, Vineyards Community Park**

Carried over to the next meeting

**J. Informational Items**

**BCC Recaps** - report included in packet

**Attendance Report** - report included in packet

**Adopt-a-Park Assignments** - no report

**Recreation Highlights** - report included in packet


**Meeting Schedule** - August 15, 2007 at 2:00 PM at North Collier Regional Park

**K. Public Comments**

None

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 4:05 PM.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**



**Chairman John P. Ribes**  
*Ed "Bibi" Olesky*

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 8/15/07, as presented  or as amended .