

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

Naples, Florida, March 18, 2009

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County 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  
Barbara Buehler  
Paul Nyce  
Kerry Geroy

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Williams, Director, Parks & Recreation  
Murdo Smith, Parks and Recreation  
Tony Ruberto, Sr. Project Manager  
Tona Nelson, Sr. Administrative Assist.  
Sidney Kittila, Operations Coord.  
Peg Ruby, Parks and Recreation

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by Chairman Ribes.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Invocation was held.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

*Ms. Geroy moved to approve the agenda subject to the following changes:*

Item V. New Business

3) New Member Application

4) Dave Saletko Filed usage at Pelican Bay Park

5) Florida Statutes 112.313(3) – County Attorney’s Office/Colleen Greene

6) Wiggins Pass Issue

*Second by Mr. Olesky. Carried unanimously 6-0.*

**IV. Approval of February 18, 2009 minutes**

*Mr. Olesky moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting. Second by Ms. Geroy. Carried unanimously 6-0.*

**V. New Business**

**1) Directors Highlights – Barry Williams**

- A Grand Opening was held for Port of Isles Marina. Fish cleaning is allowed at the docks of the facility. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection prohibition of fish cleaning station “over water” continues to be an issue addressed by all parties (fishing community, etc.)
- The Department has been directed by the County Manager to prepare a budget which indicates a 25% percent decrease over the previous fiscal year. The Programs slated for elimination will be identified and prioritized to assist in funding considerations as Department moves forward.

**2) January Employee of the Month**

**Jean A. Benoit** was selected as employee of the month for January. He provided an overview of the “*Youth Basketball Program*” which provides children ages 6-12 with coaching and instruction. The Program also promotes tournaments for area high schools and is conducted at the North Collier Regional Park.

**3) New Member Application**

The Board reviewed an application for new membership submitted by Dave Saletko. He has resided in Collier County for 30 years and has a strong passion for sports including baseball.

*Mr. Donohue moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners Dave Saletko be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Second by Ms. Buehler. Carried unanimously 6-0.*

**4) Dave Saletko – Field usage at Pelican Bay Park**

**Dave Saletko** noted he had previously addressed the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board requesting the area of Pelican Bay Park that was utilized for “pick up” baseball and sodded over last fall be returned to its previous condition similar to a conventional baseball diamond (or with dirt around the bases and pitchers mound). Based on that presentation, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board directed Staff to review the feasibility of returning the field to this condition. He has been notified Staff has determined to leave the area sodded over.

**Barry Williams** stated Staff has reviewed the issue and the fields have been designated for all purpose use (lacrosse, soccer, baseball, etc). They have decided the area should remain sodded over. The area is still available for baseball use with the base paths identified by “chalking.” He noted Staff did consider the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board request. The final decision was a Department Operations and Maintenance issue, and not within the purview of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**5) Florida Statutes 112.313(3) – County Attorney’s Office/Colleen Greene**

A document was submitted entitled “*Ethics Overview for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board*” and “*Advisory Board Guidelines for Public Records and Emails*” dated March 18, 2009.

**Colleen Greene** provided an overview of the documents. If any questions arise in this area, Advisory Board Members or Staff should contact the County Attorney’s office for assistance.

**6) Wiggins Pass Issues**

**Mr. Donohue** stated a member of the boating public had advised him that he had run aground boating in Wiggins Pass. It was noted dredging of the Pass had just been completed, however the boater was told by the dredging contractor the area in question was not dredged. At the time of the dredging, the contractor informed the County it could be dredged for an additional \$6000, however the County declined the offer.

**Barry Williams** stated he would contact Gary McAlpin, Coastal Zone Management Director for an explanation on the matter.

**VI. Old Business**

**1) Non-Ethanol Gas at the County Marinas – Murdo Smith**

The Board reviewed the Executive Summary “*Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners approve past expenses for non-ethanol gasoline for County Parks & Marinas.*”

**Murdo Smith** noted the gasoline containing ethanol causes significant problems with boat engines. The County decided to convert to selling non-ethanol gasoline at Marinas, however purchasing of this type of gasoline was not part of the original purchasing contract. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting reimbursement for the “out of pocket” costs of purchasing the non-ethanol gasoline before the Purchasing bidding policy was amended.

**VII. Recreational Highlights – Summer Recreation Guide – Peg Ruby**

An update was provided on previous and upcoming events at Sun N Fun Lagoon and other area Parks. The Board reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department summer publication for the *R.E.A.L Guide* (Recreation/Education/Activities/Leisure Guide).

**VIII. Capital Project Highlight–Golden Gate Community Park Water Slide - Tony Ruberto**

An update was provided on the construction of the new Water Slide proposed for Golden Gate Community Park. The improvements are slated to be completed by June 1, 2009.

**IX. Informational Items**

Submitted

It was noted the boat ramp trip statistic indicates the number of “launches.”

**X. Adopt a Park – John Ribes**

**Chairman Ribes** visited the Parks listed below and noted, in general they are in good condition and Staff’s Operation of the Parks is to be commended. He noted, in all facilities, the County should consider upgrading the signage, drinking fountains and benches as they are starting to show signs of wear and tear. Staff should consider implementation of a re-occurring landscape maintenance review program for the facilities. He submitted a written report and highlighted the following:

- **Pelican Bay Community Park** – Some of the fencing is in need of repair.
- **Vanderbilt Beach Access** – Overall aesthetic quality of the area is poor and consideration should be given to improvements in this area.
- **Vineyards Community Park** - The waterscape area is in need of improvement; it was noted there is a capital project scheduled for renovating this area.
- **Sudgen Regional Park** – Improved entrance signage is recommended.

**XI. Public Comments**

None

Meeting Attendance

All present

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 3:20 PM.**

**COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

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**Chairman John P. Ribes**

These Minutes approved by the Board/Committee on \_\_\_\_\_,  
as presented\_\_\_\_\_or as amended\_\_\_\_\_.