



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Location:
Government Services Building, First Floor Conference Room
1769 E Moody Blvd, Bunnell, FL 32110

Regular Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM

- 1) **Call Meeting to order - Roll Call at 10am**
Attended: Arnold Levine, Reginald Kirven, Michael Dembosz, Arthur Kuepper, Charles Cowart. Absent: Robert Knapp Guest: Rochelle Stone
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance – Moment of Silence**
- 3) **Review: October 25th, 2023, meeting minutes**
Motion by: Arthur Kuepper
Motion 2 by: Michael Dembosz
Vote: Approved 6-0
- 4) **Consent Agenda -**
 - a) **Lehigh Trail – Land Management Plan**
 - i) Discuss management plan update.
Mike Lagasse and Ralph Risch explained management plan and benefits to having an Advisory Board (public input) for Lehigh future use and reporting. The Division of State Lands (the managing agency) stated that a public meeting of the Lehigh Trail Management Plan Review Board for the required Management Plan update will be necessary. Staff suggested that we invite a City of Palm Coast parks staff person onto the review. ASK: is for PRAB to serve as this board. Chair Levine asked staff to arrange a site visit. Boarded voted to move forward on serving as Advisory Board for Lehigh Trails

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 - b) **Reviewing Park Rental Fees/Fee Waivers**
 - i) Amounts
 - ii) Surrounding counties/city comparisons
Frank explained some of the behind-the-scenes work research being done about fees and how they are handled in some of the adjoining counties (Putnam, Volusia, St Johns, and The City of Palm Coast and that a change is necessary. The board agreed staff will continue working on an official proposal to bring back for a recommendation.

Andy Dance
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Leann Pennington
District 4

Donald O'Brien Jr.
District 5

5) Staff Comments

Native American Festival - Frank gave update on Princess Place POW WOW, Great weather, Great attendance 7000+, Thanked Board members that came out.

Land Management next Walk in the Park – March 6th 9am Graham Swamp east trailhead. Encouraged board to attend.

Marineland Outreach- March 2nd 9am 1st Farmers Market, encouraged board to attend.

FCT Parks – Parks staff described the benefits of creating restricted accounts for the Florida Communities Trust parks to capture Revenue and Donations. Board Agrees

Recreational Trails Program Grant – Grant application, requesting \$50,000 for trail maintenance equipment.

6) Committee Comments

Charles Cowart – Still looking into Volunteer Groups, too busy to manage himself. Hoping to find support through existing groups in state parks.

Arnie Levine – Asked for staff to check into Passport American, might benefit RV camping at Bull Creek in slow months.

7) Public Comment

Rochelle Stone- Tobacco Free Florida- Was asked by County Commission to present recommendations for smoke free parks. The board had voted last year on this to move forward with smoke-free parks. Rochelle requested a copy of last year’s minutes when this was voted on, Frank will provide copies to Rochelle.

8) Adjourn meeting at 11:14 am

Motion by: Arthur Kuepper

Motion 2 by: Charles Cowart

Vote Approved: 6-0

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