

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, Florida 34601**

July 1, 2015

5:15 P.M.

Brooksville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met with Chairman Alan Garman, Toni Maletta, William Chatman, Jr., Richard Gant, Frank Miller, Kelly Lagedrost and Natalie Kahler. Absent members were Darren McKethan and Sue Rupe. Also present were Mike Walker, Parks/Facilities and Recreation Director and Lindsay Morgan, Recording Secretary.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Garman at 5:20 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion:

Board Member Maletta moved for approval of the March 18, 2015 minutes; seconded by Board Member Chatman. Motion carried 6-0.

MIKE WALKER, PARKS/FACILITIES AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

1. Dedication of New Pavilion

Director Walker reminded Board Members that at the March 18th meeting they recommended to dedicate the new pavilion to Jimmy Brooks. Dedication was approved and accepted by City Council. Director Walker presented the draft of the artwork for the sign which needs to be approved and/or have recommendation of changes. Also need to select a date for the dedication. Director Walker noted that the sign will be a hand painted sign and it will be placed the side of the pavilion facing the stadium.

Motion:

Motion to approve sign carried.

2. Photo Contest Submission

The month of July is Parks and Recreation Month. The National Recreation and Parks Association have celebrated the month of July as Parks and Recreation month since 1985. City of Brooksville residents were asked to submit photos of their favorite park and/or park event. The winner will be recognized at the July 6th City Council meeting and will receive 4 Free Day Passes to Weeki Wachee State Park. After much discussion by the Board Members, photo #26 was chosen as the winner. Director Walker will contact the winner and ask them to be present at the City Council meeting to receive their award.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Community Cookout

On July 11th there will be a Free Community Cookout at Tom Varn Park from Noon until 2:00pm. All Board Members are asked to be present. Parks and Recreation will provide a Bounce House and DJ. The Kiwanis Club will be cooking and providing hot dogs, chips, soda, popcorn and snow cones. The Titan Foundation Specialist donated \$500 and along with a donation from Board Member Chatman these funds will go before City Council to accept as donations for this event.

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2. Dedication of New Pavilion

Director Walker suggested the dedication be held at the Community Cookout at 1:00 pm and Board Members were in agreement. Director Walker noted he will reach out to Mr. Brooks to ensure he will be able to attend and has already verified sign will be done with Signs by Connie.

3. Operation Backpack

Director Walker noted the event will be held on August 8th at the Jerome Brown Community Center. To date we have received \$3,800 of which \$3,000 was donated by the Florida Blueberry Festival. The goal is to have enough donations to stuff 750 backpacks. Average cost of a backpack is approximately \$5.00. County Liaison Kahler asked when the actual assembly will take place and Director Walker informed her the planned date is August 7th. The Kiwanis Club will be volunteering and they are always in need of volunteers so all Board Members are welcome to help with the event.

4. Movie in the Park

The event will be held this Friday, August 14th at 8:00 pm at Tom Varn Park. Stay Well and Bright House have each donated \$500 to fund the event. Director Walker noted that a 24' screen is rented at the cost of \$425 each time they hold this event.

5. College Football Kickoff

Last year this event raised \$2,400 with attendance of 75 participants. This year they will have a barbeque dinner at \$15 per person. Patrick Skipper will be cooking at no charge. There will be raffles and Chairman Garman has donated his cabin for a weekend. We are in need of many more items to raffle so please work on obtaining items to be given away at this event. There will also be a movie screen in the gym at the Jerome Brown Community Center showing team highlight clips. Board Member Gant noted that he has some 2009 clips he would be willing to share.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Splash Park

County Liaison Kahler asked for an update on the proposed Splash Park. Director Walker noted that the Kiwanis wants to get with the other 5 Kiwanis Clubs in the area to work together on this event. Board Chairman Garman commented that Ashton and West Hernando Pool contractors should be engaged to help put this together. Council Liaison Kahler suggested we tap into the Florida Blueberry Festival for the water features to be a blueberry.

Park Equipment

Board Chairman Garman noted that the District Softball Tournament was held at Tom Varn Park several weeks ago and after working the event all weekend he suggested we need new scoreboard equipment, lighting, air conditioning in the press box and the PA system needs to be replaced. He felt that there are key issues that need to be addressed regarding preparation of facilities and about staffing on Sundays. Director Walker noted that a checklist went out a week prior to the event and he was assured everything was working.

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Board Member Miller inquired about the possibility of installing a lightning warning System. Director Walker noted that this issue had been previously discussed 5-6 years ago with no recommendation to proceed. Board Member Lagedrost noted that if you have an alert you become liable for everyone's safety and this should be considered, she also inquired as to who has the ultimate responsibility for calling a game due to weather. Board Chairman Garman and Board Member Miller noted that the umpire calls the game if needed.

Dog Park

Director Walker noted that Joanne Scoch has been away on vacation for over 6 weeks which prohibited him from having the necessary discussions regarding this issue.

Racquet Ball Courts

Director Walker informed the Board of the cost to update the Racquet Ball Courts. Each court would cost \$35,000 for half of the roof and four sides.

Director Walker asked Board Members to be present at the Monday night City Council meeting as Parks and Recreation month will be recognized at this meeting.

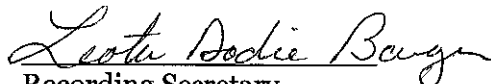
SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Director Walker suggested August 12th for the next Board Meeting and Board Secretary Morgan advised she would confirm the Board Meeting by email.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Miller moved for approval of adjourning the meeting; seconded by Board Member Chatman. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


Board Chairperson


Recording Secretary

* At the time of this meeting
Lindsay Morgan was the
acting Recording Secretary
however these minutes were
prepared by the new Recording
Secretary, Leota "Dodie" Barger