

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Tammie Levenda called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Board Members:

Tammie Levenda
 Patti Roberts
 John Wagner

Alternate Board Member:

Deborah DiCosimo

City Staff:

Community Services Administrator Aaron Glanz

1. Approval of the Agenda.

MOTION was made by John Wagner and seconded by Patti Roberts to approve the Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

(1A) Agenda change requested by Tammie Levenda

Motion was made by Tammie Levenda and seconded by John Wagner to implement a change to the agenda.

Tammie informed the committee that she could not stay passed 3:00 pm and gave the committee an option of stopping at 3:00 pm or continuing to the meeting's end with Patti Roberts, Vice-Chair taking over the meeting.

The vote was in favor to complete the meeting, even though Tammie could not be there passed 3:00 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the March 14, 2023, Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Deborah DiCosimo and seconded by Patti Roberts to approve the Minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments.

NO CITIZEN COMMENTS

4. Inventory of Belleair Beach Logo Merchandise. (Board Member Patti Roberts)

Patti Roberts reported on this week’s current P&R merchandise inventory, including Belleair Beach Welcome Gift Bags. Tammie and Aaron informed committee that notice was sent via door tags to ten new residents asking them to go to City Hall to pick up their Belleair Beach Welcome Package. Only two out of the 10 have come to pick up their bags so far. Some of the new residents are located in condos and the owners may not have received the door tags asking them to come to City Hall.

| Quantity | Item |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 13 | Beach Towels |
| 10 | Hand Towels |
| 6 | License Plate Holders |
| 13+ | BB Logo Stickers (full new box) |
| 2 | Belly Bags |
| 16 | Welcome to BB New Resident Gift Bags |
| 0 | Hats (new order has been placed) |
| 0 | BB Logo Cups - (new product to come) |

5. Review of 2023 Park Surveys from Board Members.

In reviewing the surveys of our assigned parks, each of Deborah, Patti, Tammie and John commented on the overall condition of the parks they visited. We did not read the results of each and every specific park because all of the information submitted will be combined into one master document by Kyle and Aaron which will provide detail information for work that needs to be completed in each park. The document will prioritize a working timeline of work to be completed and will be color coded as to: work that needs to be done, immediate needs, ready to do, soon-to-be completed, finished work and future planning. The compiled results will be sent to City Council to be reviewed and will be voted on to determine the necessary funds needed for the repairs and if the allocated budget can afford to pay for these repairs, updates, modifications and beautifications.

The overall consensus was that the parks are quite beautiful, and are maintained well by the Belleair Beach Grounds Crew (of two people). Most of the items noted and mentioned dealt with the beautification of our community. No real hazards or safety issues were noted, except for a hole on the children's playground equipment at City Hall. Aaron informed the board that new playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed shortly. Each member felt the parks could be made more beautiful with additional landscaping (trees, shrubs and perennial flowers). Tammie discussed the Belleair Beach Community Foundation and informed the board that through the BBCF, residents can adopt a park, which will be tax deductible, and those residents will be responsible for the new design and caring for the park for two years. Any plans to change a park's current design must be submitted and approved by City Council.

The more concerning issues presented, other than landscaping and beautification, are that some of the parks are being badly damaged by guests driving golf carts on the lawn, tearing up the lawn by allowing contractors to park on the grass, not picking up after themselves, noise and other vandalism issues, such as throwing a bench in the water. The City is currently looking into putting some type of border at the sidewalk entrances to make it difficult for vehicles to drive on the grass. Too much money is being spent on maintaining the quality of these parks for guests to park and drive on the property. Aaron also mentioned that the City has discussed the possibility of putting cameras at some of the locations for safety issues and vandalism.

Statements made about specific parks:

- John suggested the next time the board reviews the parks, that each person should enter their information into a consistent template. He would like one overall template.

- Morgan Park just got repaved. Patti suggested that the bathroom could use more painting inside and out since the floor is peeling. She said she would love to see a mural painted on the outside. Morgan Park has had a sign replaced and needs another sign on the back of the Belleair Shores sign.
- There is a hole in the seawall at South Park (1st Street), however repairing it may be difficult as part of that property line is owned by IRB. This park has also had many guests disrupting the peaceful life of our neighbors and this park is extremely run down and neglected. This park receives a lot of rowdy kids from Brown Park across the street, a lot of golf carts and a has a very high concentration of dog walkers. This is the park where guests threw the bench in the water which had to be recovered by the City's work staff. The bench will be reinstalled and the City will try to make sure it is well secured.
- 16th Street is one of the parks with lawn damage from vehicles. 16th Street park has a new dock. BBCF is throwing a fundraiser to raise funds to help pay for a kayak launch for this location.
- 25th Street Park - There have been a lot of resident complaints about problems with this park. The residents use this park frequently and would like it to remain pristine. This park and 20th Street are both parks that have been dedicated on behalf of a developer and his family.
- Belle Isle needs dock improvements and is somewhat under-utilized.
- 2nd Street receives complaints about a lot of people parking on the street to utilize the park.
- The cost to replace a plastic bench is \$550. A new bench is already on order. The City is looking at possible plastic bike racks to prevent rusting and the need to repaint.
- The P&R Board will receive an updated version of the master list as changes are made and the results and progress will be discussed each month at board meetings. The P&R Committee will review the parks again in the fall.

6. Other Business.

Patti Roberts spoke to Aaron about changing some of Belleair Beach signs located at the beaches and parks to more friendly and welcoming signs, similar to IRB. Aaron agreed to look at the sign situation in the future. Patti also suggested possibly looking into a local artist to create a mural on the outside walls of the bathroom at Morgan Park.

John Wagner is concerned about the overall beautification of our community and our parks. John suggested it might be nice to have a consistent template for all committee members to use when visiting parks for review. John would like to get the next park review on the calendar for the fall. Perhaps we can set this approximate date and time at our next meeting. He also spoke about being out of town for the next five months but would still like to participate in the meetings via zoom.

Tammie Levenda spoke briefly about Earth Day which will be held at the Belleair Beach City Hall on Saturday, April 22nd from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This event is a fundraiser that is raising funds for the 16th Street "kayak launch." Tammie reminded the P&R Board that the Belleair Beach Community Foundation Bridge Clean-Up will take place this Saturday on April 15th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Lastly, Tammie discussed that the BBCF brick program is still in effect. The BBCF will be presenting the first set of bricks ordered, after installation, with a ribbon cutting ceremony possibly near the Earth Day Event.

7. Next Meeting Date and Time:

May 23rd at 2:00 pm

MOTION was made by Deborah DiCosimo and seconded by John Wagner to discuss next month's meeting date.

Motion passed unanimously.

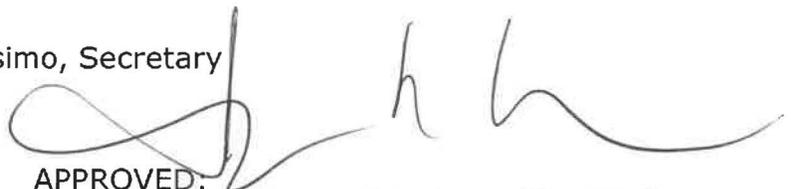
ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Patti Roberts and seconded by John Wagner to adjourn at 3:25 pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by: Deborah DiCosimo, Secretary

July 18, 2023
Date Approved

APPROVED: 
Tammie Levenda, Chair

ATTEST: 
Deborah DiCosimo, Secretary