

## MINUTES

Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

City of Belleair Beach, Florida

Community Center: 3:30pm

### Call to Order:

Chair Person Levenda called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Roll Call: (Quorum Present)

Vice Chair George Oertel

Secretary Rick Schock

Board Members:

Keleigh Devlin

Nicole Sussman

Alternate Board Members:

Debi Keith

Nora Kodak

City Staff:

City Manager Lynn Rives/Community Services Administrator Kyle Riefler.

**1. Approval of November 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda.**

Motion was made by Debi Keith and seconded by Lora Kodak to approve the agenda.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**2. Approval of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes.**

Motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted by George Oertel and seconded by Debi Keith.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**3. Discussion of Holiday Socials with Christmas Tree Lighting.**

After some discussion of the previously approved City Events for 2020 which had all been postponed due to Covid-19, the board agreed that due to the pandemic and the nature of an almost entirely new board meeting for the first time, as well as the advanced time of the year, that all previously planned and currently postponed events were cancelled. Included were this year's Christmas Tree Lighting and any related Holiday Socials. A motion for such cancellations was made by Keleigh Devlin and seconded by George Oertel.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

**4. Discussion of Belleair Beach City Parks Review by Board Members.**

A discussion took place partly as a way to move the new board forward about a review of City

Parks. It was suggested that all members might benefit from taking a new look at all 13 city Parks as well as the Marina in order to not only familiarize themselves with the park amenities but to consider their condition and use. It was decided that each Board Member would look at 2 or 3 sites and report back at the next scheduled meeting. Parks were to be looked at for the following:

**General Conditions**

**Potential Improvements**

**Dangers/Hazards**

**Usage**

The following assignments were made:

**Schock:**

**South Park and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Park**

**Levenda:**

**Marina, Morgan Park and 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park**

**Keith:**

**20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Kodak:**

**16<sup>th</sup> Street and Hibiscus Park East**

**Oertel:**

**City Hall Grounds and Crossman Park**

**Devlin:**

**Belle Isle Park and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Park**

**Sussman:**

**Bayside Park and 19th Street Park**

No motion was deemed necessary – all agreed to their assignments.

**5. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Board 2021.**

A brief discussion took place regarding the role of the Board moving forward. All members agreed to consider ideas for the new year and a brief exchange took place regarding a new sign/marquis in front of City Hall. The feasibility of conducting a Community Survey was considered with no consensus reached as to further action. No motions were made or were necessary.

**6. Review of Marina Slip Rental Rates:**

City Manager Rives led a discussion regarding the proposal agreed upon and Board approved

adjustments to the Belleair Beach Marina Rates. He was assisted by Resident Bill Lutz who had originally led the comparative survey and helped with the City Manager presentation at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. After some discussion of inflation increases, Marina history and rate comparisons, it was decided to make no changes to the previously agreed to and voted upon rate increases. No motion was made or necessary as these had been voted upon and unanimously approved as presented in September by City Manager Rives.

**7. All Other Business:**

Board Member Schock voiced his concern over the destruction of the sea oats at the beach access points. City Manager Rives stated that the sea oats have been cut back annually and agreed that "maybe the city employees needed more training" so as to not cut them back so far in the future. Schock again voiced his displeasure with cutting sea oats at all given we live on a barrier island and there was general agreement that this has taken place annually for many years. City Manager Rives stated that DEP is aware and the City will take corrective action if necessary.

- 8. Motion to Adjourn:** A motion was made to adjourn by George Oertel and seconded by Debi Keith.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Rick Schock



The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is a large, stylized cursive signature that appears to read "Rick Schock". Below it is a smaller, more compact cursive signature that appears to read "Debi Keith".