

**FLAGLER COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Flagler County Government Services Building  
Third Floor Engineering Conference Room  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
10:00 AM  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Arnie Levine, Mike Dembosz, Reginald Kirven, Tim Mrus, George Fortuna & Joe Dziak

**EXCUSED ABSENT:** Marge Rooyakkers

**STAFF PRESENT:** Frank Barbuti, Priscilla De Freitas

Arnie called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**Agenda Item #1** - Request for use of the Graham Swamp Trail by Carrie Meng –Triumph Endurance Events & Graham Swamp Trail Crew on March 17, 2018 a biking event to fundraise for the Graham swamp Trail Crew.

*Approved unanimously*

**Agenda Item #3** - Request for Fee Waiver for same.

*Approved unanimously*

**Staff Members Time** – General discussion and updates

-Cabins at Princess Place Preserve: “The cabins are coming out very nice and hoping for the end of February finish date.

-Graham Swamp Grant still going through the process but were still in the running for it to get this grant that would be to improve the Graham Swamp trail on Colbert lane . Expandable of parking lot , actual standalone bathroom and to add a pump track which will be alongside the road that can be seen by road which is good because it’s an area where looks towards the younger group riders to t learn about mountain biking and all made by natural materials..

-Alongside the road, you will see signs beach access closed until further notice but Jungle Hut & Malacompra beach access entrances are open but unfortunately, Varn Park beach access is closed. The way the dunes were taken out at Varn Park the one north access non-handicap access bottom of that step is about 5 ft above the ground and the walkway leading towards the ocean.

-Sample of the water taken at Shell Bluff back in December on the Parks & Rec Advisory Board Tour no results yet but Frank Barbuti will follow up with Michael Lagasse.

**Board Members Time** –

- Joe spoke about being at Princess Place Preserve on Sundays morning that it turns out to be a multipurpose for examples they had this past Sunday had about 50 + people come out to see the eagles. The notifications on the county websites and facebook about the female sitting on the eggs working out great and Joe is getting a lot questions on the eagles and also about having drones in the park to see the wildlife and especially the eagle nest and Joe had told them absolutely NOT. There are Federal and State regulations about having drones too close to the eagle’s nest. The eagles will feel threaten and will attack the drones and damage it but most importantly the eagles can get seriously hurt as well.

-General discussion on preparing a draft on ordinance and regulations on having drones in our county parks to present to the board.

-General discussion about taking a tour to the parks twice a year around November / early December or no later than the month of June.

**Public Comment Time** – None

**Adjournment** - *Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM*