

**FLAGLER COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Flagler County Government Services Building
Third Floor Engineering Conference Room
February 28th, 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 Race by Dawn Lisenby- Graham Swamp Trail Crew on March 2-4, 2018 a race event to fundraise for the Graham Swamp Trail Crew.

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item #2 - Request for Fee Waiver for same.

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item #3 - Request for use of the “Hill Sites “at Princess Place Preserve by Eagle Rock Equestrian Club on April 7, 2018 event to fundraise for Equestrian Trail Ride.

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item #4 - Request for Fee Waiver for same.

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item #5 – Joe Dziak prepared information in regards to ordinance and restrictions on drones at general parks especially Princess Place Preserve during eagle nesting season. Joe did not find much on the books in regards to potential drones sites in remote areas (general public parks). However the regulations of drones , unmanned aircrafts systems (UAS) is as followed launching , landing or operating an aircraft to include unmanned aircraft (drone) from or on lands and waters administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Services is prohibited, 50 CFR 27-34. Drone restrictions to protect from hazards and preserve the refuge’s natural, aesthetic and scenic values. The eagles and their nest are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and Eagle Protection Act (Eagle Act). Both laws prohibit “take and possession of eagles, their parts, nests and eggs. Under the Eagle Act, “take” includes disturbance. There was also a discussion about creating a blanket to enforce the law to prohibit drones in our county parks.

Staff Members Time – General discussion and updates

-Cabins at Princess Place Preserve are almost done all that is left is the shelling around the driveway and the mulch around the house.

-Making good on the process with the Dunes Restoration Project currently constructing North of Washington Oaks Gardens State Park and beginning constructing the MalaCompra Road.

-The sports leagues are in full force, Soccer opening day is March 17, 2018. The Flagler County Baseball is this Saturday March 3, 2018 and no football games but there is flag football and cheerleading practices going on at Wadsworth Park with The Pop Warner FYAA.

-Renovation at Wadsworth skate park –Three major ramps on the north end of the skate park were replaced, as well as some rails and other smaller features. The skate park will be closed until Friday March 2 and will be up and running for spring break.

-Native American Festival was last weekend another successful year. It was our 4th year and since next year will be our 5th year (mid milestone), Frank is thinking of changing it up. Frank had register with Florida Festival Association becoming a member .With becoming a member they provide you with seminars in Orlando to give ideas etc... They also advertise throughout the state of Florida. Frank is going to ask for a budget increase for next year's Native American Festival .George Fortuna suggested we should do a little bit of PR work at the Homes & Garden Show at Ocean Center in Daytona Beach in January it will be go way to promote the Native American Festival.

-Discussion about the next Parks & Rec Advisory Board Tour voted that Wednesday June 27, 2018 we would have our tour instead of our monthly meeting for the month of June. We will have more details when we get closer to the date.

Board Members Time – None

Public Comment Time – None

Adjournment - *Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM*