

**FLAGLER COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Flagler County Government Services Building
Third Floor Engineering Conference Room
January 23, 2019
10:00 AM
Regular Meeting Minutes**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Ragsdale, Joe Dziak, Mike Dembosz, John Tipton & Barbara Salter

EXCUSED ABSENT: Marge Rooyackers, Arnie Levine

STAFF PRESENT: Frank Barbuti, Priscilla De Freitas

Mike was not as the Vice Chairman and called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM

Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of October 24, 2018 Minutes

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item #2 – Welcoming our two new members to the Parks & Rec Advisory Board Ms. Barbara Salter & Mr. John Tipton

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item #3 – Request for the use of the Graham Swamp Trail for Graham Swamp 10k/30k/50k/100k Trail Race by Dawn Lisenby on Saturday February 23rd, 2019. (3rd annual event).

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item #4 – Request for Fee waiver for same.

Approved unanimously

Agenda Item # 5- Discussion on our upcoming Summer Parks & Advisory Board Tour. This summer tour will be featuring our Eastside parks mostly end of June or July. David Ragsdale thought our Parks Advisory Board Tour in December was great and wanted make a suggestion on maybe advertising on the Flagler County website to invite the public on these tours of the park. David mention because there's a lot of residents of Flagler County that are not aware on how many parks we have here in Flagler County. Parks & Rec Manager Frank Barbuti suggested about starting off small at first adding about 10 guest with our Parks Advisory Board Members. Mike Dembosz suggestion about maybe sending out a Welcome Package with brochures of our parks to all the new residents in Flagler County if we did that maybe some the local real estate people with some new homes coming in they add that. Frank Barbuti said that this kind of information maybe find with the Tourist Development office or the Chambers office. Frank would get in touch with our Public Information Officer Julie Murphy to see if they have something like that for people wanting information on Flagler County if they are interested in moving into Flagler County. Frank had asked about a date that would work for everyone and were in all in agreement for Wednesday June 26th, 2019 as our Parks Advisory Board Summer Tour. John Tipton asked if this tour would be the first tour to invite the public. Frank said "Yes" definitely we have plenty of time to plan this. David asked who would be taking care of the advertising and Frank stated that the Parks & Rec department would take care of that but there's a few steps and also getting approval from Heidi first.

Staff Members Time – General discussion and updates

Discussion on the Princess Place POW WOW (Native American Festival). Frank had stated that he's not sure why this wasn't done it the past but we are now giving out a free pass to our Parks Advisory Board Member to our Native American Festival . These passes are good for both days and its good for you and one other person to be our guest up there. This is our 5th Annual Native American which this year we are changing the name this year and from here on out it will be known as Princess Place POW WOW. Also not only is the name changing but we are moving a lot of over by the trees so the venders and dancer will have some shade. The reason for doing this is to put some money back into Princess Place Preserve. Not everyone knows the history of Princess Place back in the 90's not shortly after the county purchase Princess Place there was a group out of St. Augustine that had a Pow Wow at Princess Place for two years. Frank had found a flyer in an old folder and that's what the thought and drive to bring this kind an event to bring back to Princess Place. We try have a little bit of enough for everybody. There's a couple things you have to pay when you get in it's a \$5 per person kids 12 under are free. We have dance arena works with all the performers which is free. The difference events that will be there will be the Hoop dance and the Eagle Dance the Cody will have the Eagle Dance. Pedro Zapata he is a Seminole and he's actually going to make a canoe. Jim Sawgrass is going to have a Deep Forest Experiences. There will be a lot of different craft

vendors and food vendors. John Tipton made suggestion about advertising in the schools and Frank mention that Jim Sawgrass is already handling information to the schools.

Discussion on the Old Dixie Park this park is very active with the Horse Pitching Group Tournaments. Frank stated right now we are building a storage shed and signing people for tournaments that coming to town. We are building a 20x 30 building in the back where they can actually have a roll up door they can have a meeting place and sign. The Horse pitching Group is working with Tourist Development department on getting a grant for hotels since they are doubling on these tournament and bring a lot people here in Flagler County especially from Georgia.

Board Members Time – Joe Dziak mention on Sunday’s at the Eagle Nesting he’s getting asked a lot of questions in regards to the Princess Place Cottages for example when will be opened to the public and old resident that Joe knew for many years had brought it up to Joe that he had contact someone in the Administration office that the arrangement such that the cottages was open to the public anytime and what had been thought was in research with “GTM NERR” is not happening and it will be strictly for vacation cottages. Joe stated there’s a lot questions who’s responsible on renting these cottages? When will they become available? Frank stated No to question on the cottages not renting to the GTM NERR group and just being a vacation it was actually GTM NERR grant money that built these cottages and they knew going into this that those three cottages weren’t going to be renting and renting meaning that GTM NERR would be paying the county to use them and completing maintaining them and it was county staff was part of it as to applying with all the labor in building them. They would pay a reduce amount but having one cottage with them renting for a year over time and when they weren’t in there the county would rent it to general public

Frank Barbuti stated that the cottages will be going through our rental reservations because it’s not just the primitive camp site their renting, renting it’s a whole house (cottages) so there’s more to that to their agreement what they’re going to sign, so legal has little bit of that as far as what’s being said in the rental agreement and then the of coarse the clerk’s office is involved because of the capturing the money making sure that’s all handle properly when it comes to cap funds, the cottages are done so that’s the process right now waiting on that before we can rent the cottages. We get a lot of phone calls and a lot of people on our waiting list. Frank also mention that our reservation system we have isn’t really user friendly. John Tipton asked if that topic ever been brought up because it only takes one, especially for segment of our community one time a bad experiences they won’t even bother and that’s a shame. Frank agrees with that and needs to be more user friendly system. Joe mentation about the River to Sea cottages and Frank doesn’t know the details but there’s difference in the money between the cottages of Princess Place and River to Sea that’s why they were able to get Princess Place finish but right now there’s something waiting on for the cottages we have foundations for at River to Sea we have nine foundations built and we would had ten foundation but there was a FPL electric box in the way so that last one to be built. Joe said again he doesn’t like to be in the dark about things and also he’s getting question about the cottages and since being part of the Parks Advisory Board that as a member of Parks & Rec Advisory Board and the cottages being part of the Parks in the county shouldn’t we be informed and he wants just clear his own mind on things going on. David also mentation shouldn’t the Parks Advisory Board be part of some of these projects that are happening in the parks? Maybe necessarily that our advice but let us be able to give our advice on some these ideas or projects to the county parks. Frank commented stated that he will bring that up to his bosses he’s not really involved on the part of the discussion making.

Public Comment Time – None

Adjournment - *Meeting adjourned at 10:56AM*