

NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES

April 11, 2024 • 4:00 p.m.

Brevard Room at the Brevard County Government Center - North
518 South Palm Avenue, Titusville, Florida

I. Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Benson. The invocation was given by Mr. Rodriguez followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Superintendent Loadholtz.

Motion to approve Mr. Connors' absence by Ms. Alaimo. Second by Mr. Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Approval of the minutes from January 11, 2024

Scribner's error noted. **Motion by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the minutes with the correction noted. Second by Mr. Reynolds. Motion carried unanimously.**

II. Reports

A. North Area Parks Operations Staff

Tex Loadholtz, Maintenance Superintendent presented the maintenance and recreation reports.

B. Advisory Board Members

1. Arnold Benson, Chair

Mr. Benson reported that all of the parks in his assigned area are in good shape. Hats off to maintenance!

2. Bianca Alaimo, Vice Chair

Ms. Alaimo spoke with patrons at Manzo Park who expressed how much they were enjoying the park and the shade it offered. Everything looks great!

3. Andrew Connors

(absent)

4. Steven Darling

Mr. Darling reported that all of the parks he visited look great and staff is doing well with maintenance. He did not see anything needing immediate attention. Walked the parks, bathrooms, and playgrounds.

Superintendent Loadholtz reported that the pumps for the Holder Park lift stations needed to be replaced. They have been ordered and will be replaced as soon as the parts are received.

Mr. Darling inquired about procuring a canopy over the bleachers on the first and third base side of the field. Superintendent Loadholtz offered that historically, the Parks Department will replace what is existing.

5. William Klein

Mr. Klein reported that he had visited Chain of Lakes a few times this month while monitoring the vegetation in the lake. He was pleased that this year, Parks' staff coordinated with the Office of Natural Resources to remove the vegetation before it got out of hand, and they were still able to get the required equipment in. Mr. Klein reported that Wuesthoff Park is really nice, but a few accessible upgrades would be beneficial in some areas. He also noticed that some of the older exercise equipment at Sand Point Park is getting rusty. Mr. Klein noted that even though Parrish Park is closed due to the construction at the beach area, the boat ramp and fishing areas are good.

6. Koren Odermann

Ms. Odermann reported that her assigned parks look great and she has seen so many kids on the new playground at Sand Point. Fantastic! Ms. Odermann inquired about a City of Titusville project near Space View Park. Superintendent Loadholtz shared that the project will create a boardwalk that connects Space View and Gemini parks. Ms. Odermann noted the Marina Park Dog Park is heavily used and asked about plans for the BMX track. Superintendent Loadholtz explained that the BMX area is City maintained.

7. Christopher Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds commended staff for the quickness in cleaning up vandalism at WW James. He noted that other than rain causing ruts in the driving lanes at Fox Lake Park; the parks are looking good.

8. Randy Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez reported that his assigned parks look good. He was very impressed with maintenance employees working at Fay and Nicol Parks who were picking up palms and debris as they were falling from the impending weather.

Mr. Rodriguez reported that both doors to the racquetball area are chipped. Additionally, he saw minor vandalism to the walls (spit balls and gauges). He reported the (west) bleachers at SCCSC are sinking most likely to the recent rain.

C. City of Titusville

(absent)

D. Miscellaneous

III. Old Business

Stan Johnson spoke on sewage spray coming from fountains in parks after a possible sewage leak. Mr. Johnson stated the City of Titusville has ignored his pleas for several years. Mr. Johnson requests this committee contact the City of Titusville with a motion for them to turn off the fountains when the ponds are polluted by sewage.

Motion by Mr. Rodriguez for this committee to send a request to the county to establish a protocol/procedure to turn off fountains when found to be polluted with sewage. Second by Mr. Klein.

Discussion: Mr. Klein expressed his concerns over past leaks, possible leaks and his observations on how the City of Titusville handled the situations and the requests from citizens for improvements.

Motion carried unanimous.

IV. New Business

Mr. Rodriguez noted that the Parks and Recreation Department ended a 30 year lease of the property in front of OUC in Port St. John where Red, White and Boom takes place.

V. Presentations

There were no presentations.

VI. Public Comment

Stan Johnson provided a copy of correspondence between himself and the City of Titusville regarding sewage spills.

Michael Westcott is a Recreation Instructor with NAPO as a pickleball instructor. Mr. Westcott was inquiring to the status of pickleball upgrades at the Singleton Tennis Courts.

Superintendent Loadholtz explained that the engineer assigned to the project is working with the City of Titusville on getting a site application in for 4 courts. There are 6 existing courts and 4 will be added.

Motion by Mr. Darling to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. Second by Mr. Rodriguez. Motion carried unanimously.

Sign in Sheet



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	Name	Organization, Mailing Address, and E-Mail	Phone Number
1.	Stan Johnston	860 Poinsettia Ave. 32796 guindoj1@aol.com	321-607-0642
2.	Michael Westcott	Dink and Bang Pickleball dinkandbang@hotmail.com	904-955-2440
3.	KEITH RAMOS ↳	USA PICKLEBALL - AMBASSADOR KEVIERA@YAHOO.COM 3675 HICKORY PARK, DL TITUSVILLE	207-436-0000
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Questions to Council at council meeting of Feb. 13, 2024:

- 1) The following question is essentially the same question/motion passed by the TEC for Council to respond to and asked at the previous council meeting of January 23rd . The question is as follows:

"Is anyone in City Council going to acknowledge the sewage spill September through November 2022 coming out of manholes ponding in Greenwood street and into nine city streets as witnessed by me and Laurilee Thompson; the person who turned off the alarm and red flashing light at the lift station; photos; videotape of sewage flowing out of manholes; many witnesses; and photographed on the front page of the FLORIDA TODAY?"

- 2) I have asked for City's response to the following problem many times including in my email to City dated Feb. 5, 2024.

"How can City continue to approve the construction & preliminary plat of the project SNJ Oaks considering: 1) encroachments/ survey overlaps witnessed by me and Vice Mayor Robinson; 2) independent findings by City employees Brad Parrish and Mark Jones that the R/W of Elizabeth Ave. is not 53' wide as shown on Snow's survey; rather it is 50' wide as determined by deed from me (Stan Johnston) to City in 1984; 3) failure to properly recognize Mockingbird Lane, street signs, etc.; 4) failure to recognize the prescriptive rights of property owners to be at least a 20' wide, two-way access; 5) title policy voided by errors, encroachments, and other of survey?"

SPEAKER CARD
NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

Name Michael Westcott
Address 1905 Payne Stewart Dr
Day Time Phone 904-955-2440
Subject Singleton Courts Pickleball
Date 4/11/2024 Three Minute Time Limit
Please present card to secretary.

SPEAKER CARD
NORTH BREVARD COMMISSION ON PARKS & RECREATION

Name Stan Johnston
Address 860 Pineapple Ave 32796
Day Time Phone 321 607-0642
Subject Old Buses & VI Pickle Court
Date 4/11/24 Three Minute Time Limit
Please present card to secretary.
2 ITEMS