



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Parks and Recreation Department
Central Area Parks Operations
840 Forrest Avenue
Cocoa, Florida 32922

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CENTRAL AREA PARKS OPERATIONS
Merritt Island/Beaches Recreation Advisory Board
Special Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2020

Members Present

Cathy Jarrell, Chair
Sean Anderson, Vice-Chair
Phil Barnes
Debby Gaunlett
Jack Masson
Janice Scott – Appeared by Telephone

Members Not Present

Ralph Williams, III

Others Present

Charlie Crawford, President of Friends of Brevard Lacrosse
Susan Taylor, Citizen – Appeared by Telephone

Staff Present

Terry Lane, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Richard Tucci, Central Area Recreation Superintendent
Shawn Turner, Central Area Parks Operations

I. Call Meeting to Order

Cathy Jarrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Recreation Partner Application - Friends of Brevard Lacrosse

Mr. Crawford explained that the organization's original goal was to assure every high school student has the opportunity to play lacrosse after the high school's season is over. The organization also wants to offer two tournaments a year and youth clinics throughout the year. The organization would like to use the Central Area Parks Operations fields as a recreation partner for youth and high school age participants.

Mr. Anderson asked if the organization would need the fields for tournaments and practices or just tournaments.

Mr. Crawford stated that the organization would like to utilize both Mitchell Ellington and Kelly Park West fields for practices, clinics and tournaments, and to offer fields for Eastern Florida State College players to practice.

Mrs. Jarrell asked what the cost to Parks and Recreation would be.

Mr. Crawford answered there would be no cost to Parks and Recreation and that the organization would cover all costs. He stated that the registration fee for high school age participants would be \$250, and the registration for youth would be \$25.

Mrs. Jarrell asked how the additional use would impact the Parks and Recreation schedule.

Mr. Lane explained that currently there are no vacant fields and the organization would have to work with the current contracted recreation partners to schedule field use.

Mrs. Scott asked if the organization had any adult participants.

Mr. Crawford stated that Viera had an adult men's team, but that there wasn't much adult interest.

Mrs. Scott asked if lacrosse was a varsity program and did the schools supports them.

Mr. Crawford stated that the program was a varsity program and the schools did support them, but not financially.

Mr. Masson asked what high schools were participating.

Mr. Crawford stated that Viera High School, Merritt Island High, West Shore Junior/Senior High, Edgewood Junior/Senior High, Cocoa Beach High, Eau Gallie High, Rockledge High, and Satellite Beach High School are the current varsity participants. He further stated that Space Coast High School expressed interest and hoped that they would join the organization.

Discussion continued between Mr. Masson and Mr. Crawford covering details of the lacrosse program.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to recommend Friends of Brevard Lacrosse as recreation partners. Mrs. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input

None

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Signature line for Chair Cathy Jarrell