



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes

Park, Recreation and Tree Board

Monday, October 10, 2022

5:00 PM

Town Hall

Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please wait to be recognized, then step to the podium and state your name and address. We also ask that you please turn-off all cell phones.

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Chairman Coletti.

ROLL CALL

Greg Savel present via zoom

Present 5 - Chairman Scott Coletti, Vice Chairman Karla Rettstatt, Kathy Hefe, Greg Savel, and Lissa Dexter

Absent 1 - Sara Borger

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[22-0334](#) Approval of August 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Karla Rettstatt moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lissa Dexter.

Aye: 5 - Chairman Coletti, Vice Chairman Rettstatt, Hefe, Savel, and Dexter

Absent: 2 - Borger, and White

GENERAL AGENDA

[22-0335](#) Parks & Recreation Department - General Updates

Bobby Yevich-Director of Recreation-provided introductions; commended staff for efforts during the storm.

Ryan Womack-Parks - commented on storm clean up and after storm meeting.

Mr. Yevich stated Ms. Lancaster's contract has been extended another 8 months; provided recreation updates regarding tennis court resurfacing completed, addition of pickleball courts, keys available; BCF Puppies N' Potion Howloween event; skeleton trail and annual Halloween bash, seeking judges; pickleball tournament in November, partnering with charity for a canned food drive; Teen Council Socksgiving coming up, and Adopt-a-Family. Additionally working on contract for holiday lighting and decorations; Santa hotline, parade and gift delivery all December events.

Ms Rettstatt questioned supplies needed for lighting.

Mr. Yevich spoke on Families Love the Belleair Rec; working with board member Sara Borger to spearhead the fundraiser which will be in February; Sunset 5k and Fun Run in March, volunteers needed; BCF/Rec collaboration concert, the Lords of 52nd Street.

Ms. Rettstatt stated Ruth Eckerd production company assisting with ticket sales and sponsorships; ticket prices to be around \$30; not a tribute band; anticipating 1,500; addressed question of Mr. Savel regarding attendance, stating maximum is around 2,000; sponsorships are paying for concert.

Mr. Yevich requested Ms. Hefele to provide a Belleair Garden Club update; Ms. Hefele spoke on club starting a program giving recognition to residents who contribute to a ecologically sound lawn/garden setting; will be shared in quarterly newsletter.

Ms. Hefele spoke on mosquito device developed by a professor, 24 units to be placed in areas where people congregate, no pesticides to be sprayed.

Discussion ensued regarding cost and availability; how to use; recyclable; potential to purchase wholesale.

Mr. Womack stated will try in parks; open to suggestions if there are specific areas.

Mr. Yevich finalized his report with the 22/23 FY park projects; developed a project matrix; provided Pinellas Park update; Mr. Womack spoke on electric work getting finalized. Mr. Yevich continued project report; sidewalk bid going out.

Mr. Savel left at 5:30 PM.

Ms. Rettstatt questioned amenity timeline. Mr. Womack stated benches and trash cans are in.

Mr. Womack spoke on Pine Park; tree damaged during storm, will be replaced. Additionally pet waste bag dispensers going into parks.

Ms. Rettstatt requested reminder to residents to pick up after pets.

Mr. Yevich spoke on Nature Park (Waterfall Park), highlighted safety concerns; met with arborists in Hallett Park; tree inventory needed; Ricky Peterika master arborist to provide scope of services this week; will work in tandem with bluff study to assist with moving forward with plan.

Ms. Dexter spoke on information she came across in the archives regarding bluff and flood; provided to other members.

Mr. Yevich spoke on upcoming slope mowing; questioned what board would like with the inventory. Ms. Rettstatt stated age and health of oaks on edge, life expectancy; mangroves.

Gay Lancaster-Town Manager-thanked Ryan and his team; spoke on the division of labor with Hallett Park and the bluff; the top is Hallett Park which will be handled by Bobby and his staff; the bottom part, the bluff is assigned to Ashley Bernal who will work with SWFWMD grant, will put out an RFQ for consultant; bluff is one of two in state,

valuable; seeking pure data and clear recommendations for the Commission to move forward; urges residents to wait for all the information prior to decisions; looking to preserve; upcoming geotech survey.

Ms. Dexter spoke on previous actions in area; Park St. was a swamp and drainage area prior to construction.

Ms. Rettstatt spoke on needing to do something regarding the bluff; questioned if arborist can opinion on invasive plants.

Discussion ensued regarding arborist; survey, trees etc.; maintaining.

Ms. Lancaster addressed question regarding status of grant; Board in support of Ms. Lancaster's approach.

Ric Feinberg-resident-spoke on arborist and scope of work; identifying hazards; evasive plants; certified tree surgeon for mangroves; SWFWMD agreement and integrated approach; parking and ability to address; commented on undergrounding of electric, town lost power in last storm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Dexter spoke on opportunity for Florida friendly landscaping around Town Hall.

Mr. Womack spoke on butterfly garden in Tackett Park.

Mr. Feinberg spoke on the Garden Club collaborating with the Town; Ms. Hefele provided information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report given

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in due form at 6:13 PM

Karla Rettstaff moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lissa Dexter.

Aye: 4 - Chairman Coletti, Vice Chairman Rettstatt, Hefele, and Dexter

Absent: 3 - Borger, Savel, and White

APPROVED:

Chairman