

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 17, 2023

The MEETING occurred at the Swim & Racquet Center and was conducted virtually through Zoom. The meeting was called to order by CHAIRMAN Erin Wright at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Don Estridge Track Resurfacing was moved to Agenda item #1.

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Bruce Rich, Track & Cross-Country Coach at Don Estridge High Tech Middle School Teams reported that the school's track is in poor condition and needs to be resurfaced and rubberized.

Maro Zaparegos, Adam Gobi, Ingrid Levy, and Rebecca D'Emic, parents of Track & Field students at Don Estridge, advocated for the track at Don Estridge to be resurfaced and rubberized.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 3, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Don Estridge Track Resurfacing

Mr. Bruce Rich, Track & Cross-Country Coach at Don Estridge Middle School, asked the Beach & Park District Board of Commissioners (BPD) to consider renovating and resurfacing the existing 6-lane running track located at Don Estridge Middle School. The BPD currently has an Interlocal Agreement with the School Board that provides the BPD and its user groups exclusive use of the facilities at Don Estridge after 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The BPD has no obligation under its current ILA to renovate or resurface the track.

Mr. Rich stated that the parents at Don Estridge are willing to fundraise to contribute to the cost of the project. Executive Director Harms is waiting to hear back from Kristin Garrison, Director of Planning and Intergovernmental Relations, and Mr. Barbieri, Palm Beach County School Board President, to discuss their plans or contribution to the track.

A proposal for \$250,285 from CSR Construction to renovate and resurface the track was provided to the Board. Mr. Paul Arcel, President of CSR Construction was available to answer questions from the Board.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Rollins for the Beach & Park District to offer up to \$125,000 towards the Renovation & Resurfacing of the track at Don Estridge Middle School providing open access to the public for the use of the track without any restrictions outside of school hours and when the track is not being used for school purposes.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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2. Patch Reef Park Pickleball Operations

Executive Director Harms informed the Board that the 18 pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park will not happen by December as planned. The plans are still in the site approval process with the City. Chair Wright expressed her frustration with the approval process and the District being treated as a developer, not as a partner of the city planning the project for its tax-paying constituents. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments reopened at 6:13 p.m.

Mr. Art Turpel committed the members of the Pickleball Club to go to a City Council meeting and let them know the need for pickleball courts and that the construction of the courts is being held up by the city's process.

City staff provided a proposal for the operations of the Pickleball Facility at Patch Reef Park. The Board agreed to go out for an RFP for the operations to keep all options open.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to go out to bid for an RFP for the Patch Reef Park Pickleball Operations.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$3,271,212.99.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Accessible Playground Update

District staff held a kickoff meeting with WZA, David and Stacy Ogman, parents of Jordan Ogman, and Alyson Reeves who runs the special needs program at the YMCA to talk about their experience with children who face significant physical challenges on playgrounds. WZA anticipates the first designs will be ready in approximately 60 days.

Racquet Center Courts Renovation Update

Weather permitting, the trenching and installation of the new light poles will continue this week at the Racquet Center.

Sugar Sand Park Community Center Roof Update

Permitting has been submitted for the roof work at the Community Center at Sugar Sand Park. The roof replacement is expected to take 10-12 months and work should start on April 24th pending permit issuance.

DeHoernle Park Maintenance Facility Update

The DeHoernle Maintenance Facility contractor was given the Notice to Proceed to start on April 22, 2023.

District Counsel:

Mr. Horowitz updated the Board on Senate Bill 620 pertaining to Ethics Training Requirements for Special Districts.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel requested that the Board consider naming the accessible Park at Patch Reef Park "Jordan's Park" after Jordan Ogman the young man who is the inspiration for building the accessible park.

Commissioner Rollins would like to have consideration from the Commission to explore putting a Futsal Facility at the six unused tennis courts at Boca Teeca.

Commissioner Vogelgesang would also like to see futsal at the eastside Racquet Facility at Boca Teeca.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Merv Timberlake Agreement

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6: 50 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED



Erin Wright Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer