

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
May 1, 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:**

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

*Mr. Raul Travieso* thanked the Board for its efforts in building the Pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park for their constituents. He reviewed the pickleball participation numbers at Patch Reef Park for the last three years which have doubled each year and participation at the indoor courts at Sugar Sand Park is reaching 10,000 participants annually. Members of the Boca Raton Pickleball Club are going to attend the City Council workshop on May 8<sup>th</sup> to request the Council's support and assistance on this project.

**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 17, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Rollins requested that the Motion in the minutes regarding the Don Estridge Track Resurfacing include a clearer statement that specifies that the Middle School will provide open access to the public for the use of the track without restrictions, outside of school hours and when the track is not being used for school purposes.

**An Amended Motion** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 17, 2023, and add the following statement to the end of the original motion made regarding the Don Estridge Track Resurfacing: ...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:**

Commissioner Ehrnst suggested installing a sign with the hours that the public can use the track.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. Merv Timberlake Agreement**

A third amendment to Mr. Timberlake’s original agreement with the District as Financial Advisor was presented to the Board for consideration.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the third amendment to Merv Timberlake Agreement, as presented.

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**2. SSP Carousel Maintenance Contract**

The District received one bid from Mind Changing Entertainment on April 14, 2023, in response to the RFP for ongoing annual maintenance of the carousel at Sugar Sand Park. Staff recommended moving forward with a contract with Mind Changing Entertainment based on a previous positive relationship repairing the carousel in May of 2022 and outstanding referrals received from local entities.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the Sugar Sand Park Carousel Maintenance Contract with Mind Changing Entertainment, as presented.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Rollins noted that he provided insurance information to Melissa Dawson on the Certificate of Insurance, and he will review the certificate when it is received.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**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 \$1,257,953.80.

**Discussion:**

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**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Executive Director:**

*Futsal*

Staff is investigating the west side of Boca Teeca as well as alternate locations to add futsal courts to recreation. This item will be added as an agenda item for discussion at a future meeting.

*Coastal Stewards*

The City of Boca Raton and the Coastal Stewards finalized the Sea Turtle Rehab Program agreement at Gumbo Limbo. Executive Director Harms met with Mr. Holloway who mentioned that they are starting the process to work on obtaining the permit to bring the sea turtles back to Gumbo Limbo.

*Sugar Sand Park Roof Replacement*

The roof replacement at the Community Center is anticipated to begin on May 8, 2023, once the permits have been issued.

*Swim & Racquet Center-Renovations and Lighting Project Update*

Weather permitting, the footers for the lighting project should be installed this week. A punch list should be ready by the end of the month.

**District Counsel:**

*Ocean Strand Permanent Easement*

District counsel prepared the document directed by the Board regarding the permanent easement at Ocean Strand and sent it to Mr. Abrams for review with his client and the City attorney's office. Mr. Goren advised that discussions regarding the document are still taking place between the City and Mr. Abrams and his client at this time.

*House Bill 199- Ethics Requirements for Officers and Employees of Special Tax Districts*

Mr. Goren informed the Board that House Bill 199 may pass and will require yearly ethics training beginning January 1, 2024. He advised that his law office is available to conduct the training.

*Senate Bill 774-Ethics Requirements for Public Officials*

Senate Bill 774 passed both the House and the Senate. Mr. Goren advised the Board that it does not include Special Districts.

**Commissioners:**

Commissioner Ehrnst inquired about the status of naming the new park.

Commissioner Rollins inquired about the length of time it will take to replace the roof at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center.

Commissioner Vogelgesang was thankful for receiving the Park Ranger report and wanted to confirm that no dogs are allowed at Ocean Strand.

Commissioner Wright reported that she attended the City Council meeting with Executive Director Harms to discuss the Patch Reef Park Pickleball project.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Patch Reef Park Pickleball Operations RFP

Boca Teeca Master Plan Update

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 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