

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 10, 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 *via Zoom*
Steven M. Engel *via Zoom*
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Mr. Harold Chaffee did not favor naming the new park at this time with so many “unknowns,” he would prefer to wait until after the Joint meeting.

Mr. Angelo Sands advocated for a Golf Learning Center at the new park like the John Prince Golf Learning Center. He provided an article from Golf Digest stating that “off-course golfers (top golf, driving range, par 3’s) exceeded the number of on-course golfers in the United States for the first time.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 20, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes (Hand motioned a yes vote)
Commissioner Engel Yes (Hand motioned a yes vote)
Commissioner Rollins Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang Yes
Commissioner Wright Yes

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Cell Tower at Sugar Sand Park

Mr. Michael Hahn, representing Hahn Towers, works with the different cell carriers to determine where coverage problems are. A coverage problem (dead zone) has been identified in and around Sugar Sand Park. Mr. Hahn wanted to discuss with the Board the possibility of constructing a cell tower and compound inside Sugar Sand Park. Mr. Hahn reviewed several types of towers and answered questions from the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Horowitz, District General Counsel, advised that if the Board were interested, an easement agreement could be an option that would work with the District’s Enabling Legislation.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to have the Executive Director work with the General Counsel's office to explore the possibility of an easement for a cell tower and prepare a proposal for the Board's consideration.

Discussion:

Commissioner Ehrnst expressed support for exploring all options related to installing a cell tower within Sugar Sand. However, Commissioner Ehrnst objected to the appearance, location, and providing Hahn Towers a single-source the cell tower award without exploring competitive alternatives, typically awarded through an RFP process. The presenter, Mr. Hahn, indicated he would not participate in an RFP process.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	No
Commissioner Engel	Yes (Hand motioned a yes vote)
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION PASSES 4-1

2. Amendment to Fast Dry Agreement

Executive Director Harms presented an amendment to the Fast Dry Agreement for the Board's consideration. The original agreement made in June 2022, was to refurbish the lighting and tennis courts at the Swim & Racquet Center and included a total of three payments and the project was estimated to take six months. The project is still ongoing after a year and Fast Dry has requested that the District amend the agreement to give them another partial payment. The final payment will be held back until the project is completed.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to approve the amendment to the Fast Dry Agreement, as presented.

Discussion:

The amount of the partial payment that will be given to Fast Dry is \$248,325. \$110,000 will be held for payment after completion of the project.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes (Hand motioned a yes vote)
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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3. Patch Reef Park Pickleball

At the June 20th meeting the Board inquired about the cost of converting two additional tennis courts into six additional pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park. They also asked how long the project would take, and if there would be any impact to the tennis patrons.

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District staff spoke to city staff who confirmed that the demand for pickleball courts is warranted and the impact on tennis would be minimal. City staff supports the project. The cost associated with the project would be approximately \$60,000 and the District would need to go out for an RFP. The project should be completed in approximately 4-5 months.

Discussion ensued.

Director Harms confirmed that the two tennis courts that are being converted are temporary and will be returned to tennis courts once the new facility is opened at Patch Reef Park.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Rollins and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to move forward with the recommendation to convert two tennis courts into six pickleball courts at the Patch Reef tennis center.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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4. New Park Name Discussion

The Board was asked to rank five potential park names in order of preference:

Public Comments reopened at 6:09 p.m.

Ms. Regina Ecklund called in to request "Ocean Breeze" for the new park name.

The Board provided the following rankings:

Park Name	Engel	Ehrnst	Rollins *	Vogelgesang	Wright
The Crossroads	2	1	-	4	2
Ocean Breeze	4	3	1	2	5
Coastal Trails Park	3	4	-	1	3
North Park	1	2	2	3	1
Peace Park	5	5	-	5	4

*Commissioner Rollins felt that it was premature to name the park at this time and abstained from ranking three out of the five names.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve "North Park" as the name for the new park with each quadrant to be named as they evolve.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst Yes

Commissioner Engel	Yes (Hand motioned a yes vote)
Commissioner Rollins	No
Commissioner Vogelgesang	No
Commissioner Wright	Yes

MOTION PASSES 3-2

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$1,422,305.98.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes (Hand motioned a yes vote)
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

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REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Executive Director:

Tentative Millage Rate

A tentative Millage Rate will be set at the next District Meeting held on July 24, 2023.

Pipes & Pumping Project

The punch list is currently being worked on. A final site restoration is scheduled for July 10th with all contract work estimated to be completed in August. The water quality testing is ongoing, and they are working on options to control turbidity and dissolve oxygen levels.

Gumbo Limbo Tower Project

Crews began clearing invasives from the site of the tower at Gumbo Limbo. They are working through permitting and environmental to clear enough space for the crane to get in.

District Counsel:

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel commented on the positive publicity that the District has received over Jordan Ogman and the Pirate Cove playground conversion to an all-accessible playground. He would like to have the District give Counsel direction to set a policy on Paragraphs 157-163 of the Enabling Legislation regarding Commissioner compensation outside of the regular public meetings. He believes that there is a loophole that needs to be addressed.

Commissioner Rollins thanked Commissioner Engel for bringing the need for an accessible playground to the District's attention and thanked Greg Stevens for putting up the fence at the Spanish River fields to prevent the balls from going into the canal or parking lot. Commissioner Rollins believes that if a member of the Board is requested to attend a city

meeting with the Executive Director consideration should be given for compensation because it is outside of the normal activities for which they are compensated.

Commissioner Vogelgesang voiced concern over changing the Enabling Legislation and noted that if an invoice is submitted for questionable compensation, the Board does not have to approve it.

Mr. Horowitz, District Counsel, advised that the District could amend the legislation, or since the District can interpret its own charter, Counsel could collaborate with the Executive Director and bring back a policy for the Board's consideration that would better define the meaning of the Charter provision.

Commissioner Ehrnst stated that he was not sure if time or money spent on counsel developing a new policy is necessary or enforceable.

After a discussion between the Board and District Counsel, the Board decided to adhere to the current principles of reimbursing the members of the Commission as outlined in the District's Enabling Legislation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- District Projects
- Budget Discussion
- Tentative Millage Rate

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

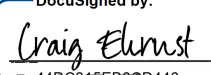
Roll Call Vote:

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

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