

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
April 20, 2026

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed via Zoom for viewing & listening. Chair Rollins called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

*Cil Ciliberti* expressed disagreement with some Board members' comments during the last meeting in March, stating that the Boys & Girls Club project would impact existing green space at the former hotel site. He raised concerns about increased traffic on Northwest Second Avenue and questioned whether alternative, less congested locations for the project had been fully explored.

*Robert DuKate* requested a presentation to better illustrate the North Park RFP and provide clearer details on plans. He expressed concerns about the extent of development and loss of green space, and urged the Board to avoid public-private partnerships on District property.

*Briana Hagquist* apologized for providing incorrect information at the previous meeting regarding a ballot issue and clarified the current status. She advocated for the preservation and improvement of green space at Sugar Sand Park, expressed support for a moratorium on new development and public-private partnerships, and encouraged consideration of recreational uses such as the North Park Phase One project.

*Harold Chaffee* raised concerns about the size of the new pickleball facility parking area and asked for clarification on "auxiliary parking" costs in the agreement. He also questioned prior utility funding, whether those funds would be recovered, and whether previously rejected proposals, such as the surf park, could be reconsidered.

*Maria Mitchell* sought clarification on planned uses for the remaining land in the southeast quadrant of North Park, expressing concern about the extent of development. She raised concerns about potential safety issues with shared-use trails for pedestrians and cyclists.

*Michael Schneider* opposed locating the skate park and Boys & Girls Club in North Park, suggesting alternative locations such as Spanish River Park or redevelopment of the downtown site. He advocated restoring a golf course at the former site, supported walking trails, and expressed concerns about overdevelopment and increased traffic.

*Angela Massei* supported alternative locations such as Spanish River Park for the skate park and Boys & Girls Club, and encouraged improvements to existing facilities. She expressed concerns about increased traffic, roadway expansion, and the preservation of walkability and neighborhood character near North Park.

**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 March 23, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**1. North Park Bid Discussion**

Executive Director Harms presented a request to the Board for direction regarding the rebid of the North Park Phase I project. She presented the North Park RFP, noting it is consistent with prior bids, with updates including removal of the tunnel component and a revision to insurance language on page 10, changing “the district must be listed as CO insured” to “additional insured certificate holder on this policy.” The bid allows flexibility in awarding work to one or more contractors. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to approve the revised North Park RFP rebid documents, as amended with the updated insurance language, and to authorize staff to move forward accordingly.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**2. District Auditor Discussion**

The Board discussed the option to renew the District’s audit services contract with Grau & Associates for an additional one-year term or to initiate a new RFP process. Staff noted the firm’s long-standing relationship with the District and the efficiency of past audits. Commissioner Engel inquired whether a partner at the firm serving on the City Council constituted a conflict of interest. Mr. Goren, District General Counsel, advised that no direct conflict exists, though the Board should consider any perceived appearance of conflict. The consensus was to renew the contract for one year and consider issuing an RFP in the future.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to authorize staff to negotiate and execute a one-year renewal with Grau & Associates pursuant to the existing agreement.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**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 \$ 2,898,546.63.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Executive Director:**

*Science Playground Earns National Recognition*

Voters selected the Science Playground from among twenty public playgrounds nationwide as part of USA Today’s 10Best Readers’ Choice Awards.

**District Counsel:**

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