

**City of Pinellas Park, Florida
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes September 28, 2020**

6:30 pm

Chair Jeanne Kepple called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Members Present; Connie Bruce, Karen Ford, Jeanne Kepple, Thomas Nicholls, Jr., Mary Ann Smith, Emilia Tito and Jamie Tomlin .

Members Absent: Andy Cambero (excused), Neil Kummerer, John Miller (excused) Barbara Van Camp (excused)

Staff Present: Keith Sabiel, Leisure Services Administrator; Matt Bale, Parks and Recreation Director and Sarah Palmer, Leisure Services Senior Staff Assistant

2. Approval of Minute – August 31, 2020

Motion was made by Ms. Smith to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2020 meeting. Ms. Ford seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

3. New Business

A Resignation Letter has been received from John Miller. Ms. Smith made a motion that we accept his resignation with regrets. Ms. Emilia seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept his resignation and present it to City Council. Ms. Palmer will prepare the proper paperwork.

Mr. Cambero is unable to join us this evening. He has a math test this evening. His term as a Teen Board Member expires November 14, 2020. Mr. Cambero would like to continue as a Teen Member. Ms. Bruce made a motion that Mr. Cambero's term be extended for another year. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The Board was all in favor. Ms. Palmer will prepare the proper paperwork to present to City Council.

4. Board Agenda Items

- a) Mr. Bale will not be giving an update on the CIP and Park Program projects since we are going a tour of the recently completed projects this evening.

Our first stop this evening is at the Forbes Recreation Center to see the new bleachers that have been installed in the Gymnasium, the garden boxes that have been installed outside for gardeners to learn how to garden, we also saw the new artificial turf that was installed and visited the renovated racquetball court.

We then proceeded over to the Skyview Pool to see what it looks like now that the pump room has been remodeled and is no longer underground. The water was very tempting.

Next stop on to the Freedom Lake Community Gardens. Former Mayor Cecil Bradbury was there tending his box. The gardeners have a wide variety of things that they are growing: tomatoes, eggplant, onions, lettuce, spices. And of course let's not forget all the beautiful flowers.

Drove by the Ed Taylor Preserve to see the new lighting. It was suggested that we might want to look into adding some exercise equipment at this location.

Next on to the Senior Center to see what we have growing in their six boxes. Looks like they have a good crop going. Perfect location right as you enter the Senior Center.

To conclude our tour our last stop this evening is Dr. Lurie Park. The new lights have been installed around the perimeter and they look great.

- b) Recreation Program Updates: Since we did the Tour this evening, Ms. Palmer asked if everyone had read the Agenda and asked if there were any questions. There were none so these are the items that were reported to the Board.

Broderick Park

- Open Recreation currently has 71 children enrolled; with daily attendance averaging 45 to 50+ children each day.
- The before school program has 19 enrolled.
- The table tennis program has resumed with attendance currently at 10 to 12 players.

- Broderick Park Manager Peterson has had advertisement for their programs put on the City web site homepage and the electronic billboard at Park Boulevard & 49th Street.

Forbes Recreation

- Forbes Center is organizing an E-Sports League. Plan is to hold a Madden League with the After School program beginning October 1st. Plan includes alternating E- Sports with traditional sports throughout the school year.
- Contractual programming has returned to the Forbes Center. Forbes currently has Cardio Drumming, Dael Martial Arts, Volleyball and Pickleball.
- Wounded Warrior group is in the Forbes gym on Fridays through October for wheelchair basketball.
- Forbes staff is working on getting the new planter boxes behind the Forbes Center planted with veggie plantings.
- Forbes had the first rental in some time on September 5th & all went well.
- Forbes staff is planning for their after school kids Halloween Event. Plan will include crafts, games, and contests and wrapping up with a socially distanced end of event party

Senior Center

- Shuffle Board participant numbers are going back up. They are averaging 30 at each shuffle event.
- The Senior Center has starting up Land Arthritis again. Classes are on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Senior Center fitness classes include Seniorcise and Tai Chi participants' numbers are low but expected to increase in coming weeks.
- Manager Nancy Heller is creating a newsletter for October detailing days and times for Senior Center activities coming up.
- Senior Center garden boxes are doing great.

Skyview Pool

- Swim lessons started up on September 14th on Monday & Wednesday nights.
- Pool is open for open swim from noon to 4pm. till November 1st
- Dixie and Pinellas Park swim team practices are going well on Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri's.

Youth Park

- Youth Park Teen Center started a promotional campaign to promote their afterschool program. They are using Peach Jar to get the Teen Center Flyer out to the schools and hand delivering them to schools as well.
- The teen Center is also using the City electronic billboard to market their programming to the public.
- TeenWorkX is up and running with more volunteers than last year with volunteers currently at 23. They have a new President - Danuta Kobus, a new Vice-President - Hannah Bleattler, and a new secretary - Jeilam Morales. The TeenWorkX program is receiving new volunteer applicants on a regular basis and they have provided some exciting volunteer project events and have more planned.
 - September 19th TeenWorkX participated at Feeding Tampa Bay handing food out at Tropicana Field.
 - September 26th TeenWorkX volunteered at Freedom Lake Community Gardens repairing & providing maintenance to planter boxes.
 - October 10th TeenWorkX scheduled to provide park clean-up volunteer work at City's Pond Park.
 - October 17th TeenWorkX scheduled to provide volunteer repair & maintenance to Freedom Lake Park Community Gardens.
 - TeenWorkX is planning to partner with the Library Youth Advisory Board for a canned food drive event in November.
 - Teen Center is planning to start a hockey program in the new Youth Park hockey arena.

Equestrian

- Big Pines Stables has expressed interest in having a 2 day event at the Equestrian Center.
- Leisure Services is planning to renovate and upgrade the Tingler Park boardwalk.

5. Open Discussion

None this evening to report.

Take Aways:

- Mr. Sabiel and Mr. Bale will look into the possibility of adding some exercise equipment at the Ed Taylor Park.

- Mr. Bale will put in a work order for the one LED light that is out at the Forbes Racquetball Court.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Bruce. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Bale
Parks and Recreation Director

Jeanne Kepple
Chair

**PINELLAS PARK
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
JANUARY 2020 – DECEMBER 2020**

(2 Year Appointments) Must be resident of Pinellas Park - 1 Year Teen Appointments - Teen members must be in school & may be members until graduation)

MEETING TYPE	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
MEETING DATE	1/27	2/24	3/30 (Virus)	4/27 (Virtual)	5/18 (Virtual)	6/29	7/xx	8/31	9/28 (tour)	10/26	11/30	12/xx						
Bruce, Connie	E	P	C	P	P	P	N	P	P			N						N
Cambero, Andy	P	P	C	A	A	P	N	E	E			N						N
Ford, Karen	E	E	C	P	P	P	N	P	P			N						N
Kepple, Jeanne	P	P	C	P	P	P	N	P	P			N						N
Kummerer, Neil	P	P	C	A	A	P	N	P	A			N						N
Miller, John	P	P	C	A	P	A	N	E	R	R	R	N						N
Nicholls, Thomas	E	P	C	P	P	P	N	P	P			N						N
Smith, Mary Ann	P	P	C	P	P	P	N	P	P			N						N
Tito, Emilia	P	P	C	P	P	E	N	A	P			N						N
Tomlin, Jamie	P	P	C	P	A	E	N	P	P			N						N
Van Camp, Barbara	E	A	C	A	A	P	N	P	E			N						N

P=Present E=Excused Absence A=Unexcused Absence C= Meeting Cancelled C-NQ = Cancelled-No Quorum R=Resigned
 NA=Not a member at this date G -- Guest N = No Meeting Scheduled