



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Osceola Golf Course Clubhouse
300 Tonawanda Dr.
Pensacola, FL 32506**

April 19, 2018 8:00 a.m.

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes for March 15, 2018**
3. **Director/Staff Reports, Correspondence, Project Updates**
4. **New Business**
 - Swearing in of reappointed Board Members
5. **Old Business**
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee update
6. **Open Forum**
7. **Adjournment**

**MINUTES
CITY OF PENSACOLA
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
222 West Main Street (City Hall), First Floor
Vince Whibbs Conference Room
Pensacola, FL 32502**

March 15, 2018 8:00 am

PRESENT: Paul Epstein (Chairperson), Barrett Breedlove, David Forte, Rand Hicks, David Mayo, Kimberly Sullivan, and Ed Wonders

ABSENT: Maranda Sword, Whitney Voeltz

CITY STAFF: Brian Cooper (Parks and Recreation Director); Patrick Bateman (Roger Scott Tennis Center); Kim Carmody (Recreation Superintendent); Bill Kimball (Parks Superintendent); Brock Sakey (Roger Scott Tennis Center); Adrian Stills (Osceola Golf Course Manager); and Heidi Thorsen (Director's Assistant)

CITIZENS: David Handley (FFNWF)

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Epstein.

3. **DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES.**

Staff Presentation – Roger Scott Tennis Center (RSTC). Patrick Bateman and Brock Sakey brought the presentation.

- Gulf Coast Tennis Group, led by Brock Sakey and Patrick Bateman, took over the management of RSTC on January 2, 2018.
- RSTC offers various adult programs. They have more teams in the Greater Pensacola Ladies Tennis League than any other facility, 23 teams with 324 players. The Under the Hill men's league has 150 men aged 50 and above involved in weekly league play.
- More than 500 players participate in USTA leagues at RSTC. They have several sanctioned tournaments and hope to have more next year.
- They offer private and group instruction to all levels seven days a week.
- For the children, they offer three different forms of play (Red, Orange, and Green) which use different sized balls, smaller courts, nets and rackets allowing them to grow into the game. Clinics are held continuously throughout the year. Over 150 players come out to play on Sunday afternoons.
- Once a year Pensacola Sports sponsors Racquet Round-up which introduces over 250 children to tennis each summer. RSTC has hosted this event for over 20 years.
- They will be offering summer tennis camps, and will be looking to add new ideas.
- Some ideas they have of encouraging more players include –
 - offering more Junior Tennis Clinics, Tournaments, and Socials
 - focusing on new events and types of tournaments
 - remodeling the outside patio
 - remodeling and painting the inside of the clubhouse
 - renaming the facility (Pensacola Tennis Center)
 - providing more benefits to members (pricing, priority registration, online court booking)

Some Board members were thrilled with renaming the tennis center. By renaming it to focus on Pensacola, it adds more weight to our location and the beaches. Possible name could be Pensacola Tennis Center at Roger Scott Athletic Complex. Another improvement requested by several Board members includes getting an app for their smart phones, allowing them to book courts, etc.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Board member Mayo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Board member Sullivan, and approved unanimously.

4. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Promote athletic programs/sports to less fortunate.

- Board member Forte had asked this to be added to the agenda. He was wondering what is being done, and what else can be done in this area.
- Director Cooper asked Manager Stills to give a report on this item. Manager Stills mentioned that currently First Tee is in its 10th year of promoting the sport of golf to children, offering them golf instructions and life lessons. First Tee also offers classes on Saturday's and is involved in the National Snag Golf offering bigger balls/clubs. In 2020 there will be a "Drive, Chip, and Putt" initiative. Once the child has progressed through this, they get to go to Augusta to play.
- Manager Stills also mentioned that the golf course has an outreach to several schools. Sherwood Elementary offers a program to help children learn golf during PE time.
- He continued that not only can finances hinder children from playing expensive sports, but also transportation to the practice facilities.
- Superintendent Carmody mentioned that several of the City's Resource Centers offer tennis (Tennis for Everyone), dance, and baseball (through RBI). As mentioned in last month's meeting, we will also be adding track and field. Furthermore, we also provide transportation to the programs. Scholarships are also offered.

3. **DIRECTOR REPORTS.**

Director Cooper brought the following report:

- Bill Bond is having their opening ceremonies tonight (March 15) at Community Maritime Park.
- NEP 50th season opening ceremonies are tomorrow night (March 16).
- On the 23rd Perdido Bay Baseball opening season.
- Bill Gregory Park is almost complete. It will not be complete in time for baseball, so we're going to continue using Raymond Riddle Park.
- Corrine Jones Park had a ribbon cutting a couple weeks ago.
- Morris Court Park will be renovated soon. Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn will be hosting a town hall meeting on March 30 for the neighborhood to select which one of four they would like.
- Sanders Beach Resource Center is getting new flooring. We had water damage and warping.
- Superintendent Kimball is working on getting the Sanders Beach boat ramp open by June/July.
- The Galvez monument is slated to be in by May.
- Renovations at Aviation Park are coming along. Hopefully done by next month.
- We will be beginning renovations at Gull Point soon. We will not close the center during the renovations to the offices, kitchen, gym, and bathrooms.
- We are waiting on more plans for Bayview Senior Center for renovations of the bathrooms, flooring, and walls.
- Bayview Resource Center is going out for bids on March 31. Hopefully we'll have the ground breaking ceremony in May.
- We are working with Mott MacDonald for renovations on the Roger Scott Tennis Center.
- We are also working with Mott MacDonald on developing the Soccer Complex.

- We have submitted a couple of grant applications to the State for Chimney Park and Miraflores Boy Scout Building. We had a good shot at getting it, but with the school shooting in south Florida, money has been redirected.
- Osceola Clubhouse renovations are complete.
- Ciclovía will be downtown again on March 24.
- Also on that date there will be a concert at the CMP, and we will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Roger Scott as well.
- Smokin in the Square and Guns and Hoses will be at Community Maritime Park this weekend.
- On Friday at Seville Square there will be a science festival.
- Grant money that we will receive for Miraflores will be spent on making the building ADA accessible.
- The Chappie James home (museum) has now been turned over to the new tenant. Next to it is the Chappie James Flight Academy. They will be putting in computer module flight simulators. This further reaches out to a different demographic as discussed above.

Discussion followed about moving the next couple of meetings off site, April at Roger Scott Tennis Center, and May at Osceola Clubhouse. (Since this discussion, Roger Scott is not able to host the Board due to having a tournament that week, so the decision was made to have the April meeting at Osceola and the May meeting at Roger Scott Tennis Center.)

5. OLD BUSINESS.

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) update.

Board member Mayo brought the update. The focus of the BAC has been Ciclovía which is a demonstration of overall bike friendliness. The Opera will be involved by incorporating the Three Little Pigs.

The next focus will be to offer suggestions for Complete Streets to Council. Complete Streets will not be addressed until the April BAC meeting. There will be an update to the Board on this topic at the May meeting.

6. OPEN FORUM.

Dr. Handley mentioned that all of the spots in their Fly Fishing class have been filled. He handed out their newsletter in which there is an article about their Healing Waters program which helps disabled veterans. The article mentions about a veteran who built his rod and incorporated the Bronze Star ribbon. The water temperature of the bay is 68 degrees, the warmest it has been in years 13 years.

7. ADJOURNMENT.