

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY HALL – FIRST FLOOR – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE  
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 6, 2018 AT 5:15 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Wiles at 5:15 p.m.

Present:                                 Jack Wiles  
   Mark Bowling  
   Maria Mills-Benat  
   James Richard Jr.  
   Patricia Barraco  
   Julie Day  
   Michael Navarra  
   Bobby Ball (Arrived late)

Absent:                                    John Cameron  
   Robert Maxwell

Also Present:                           Susan Lovallo, Park and Recreation Director  
   Deanna Massey, Administrative Assistant

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

2. Park partnership presentation and discussion

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation on parks and recreation partnerships. Some of the programs she touched on were the City's PAL program, the Port Orange Stallions, Pop Warner, and the soccer, baseball and volleyball Clubs. Ms. Lovallo spoke on the City's parks and recreation facility field usage. She would like the Board to make recommendations to the Council on the team name, fee structure, and residency requirements.

Member Bowling spoke on the fee structure and when it was last updated. He stated the Board's main concern is for the City's programs and having enough time on the fields.

Chairman Wiles would like to hear from the groups in attendance tonight before the Board makes any recommendations.

3. Request for tennis park partnership

Kurt Collins, founder of the Kurt Collins Tennis Academy Inc., introduced himself to the Board and provided a summary of his program. He would like to put together some beginner clinics to teach the kids to handle adversity, set high goals, and create an action plan. Mr. Collins would love to partner with the City and work with kids from ages three and up, along with adults. The program is fee based but he owns a not for profit organization called Kurt Collis Tennis for Life,

Inc., that can offer scholarships to families who may not be able to afford the fees. Mr. Collins stated the program uses a ribbon system to award kids as they hit certain milestones within the program. The membership would start with one day a week and as volume increases they will add additional days as needed.

Member Day asked what other locations the program currently works out of.

Mr. Collins replied they currently work out of Deland, Deltona, and Debary.

Member Mills-Benat asked for clarification on what the programs intentions are.

Mr. Collins replied they would like to add value to the Cities current tennis program.

Vice Chairman Ball asked how the Kurt Collins Academy would incorporate the team name.

Mr. Collins replied he loves the idea of the kids representing their hometown. He would need to look into incorporating Port Orange into the logo.

Member Navarra asked if Port Orange has to legally be printed on the Jerseys.

Ms. Lovallo replied there is nothing that states currently that Port Orange has to be on the jerseys.

*Motion to approve the park partnership for tennis as requested by Kurt Collins through January 31, 2019 was made by Vice Chairman Ball, Seconded by Member Richard. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

#### 4. Soccer park partnership request from FL. Elite

Bill Huffman, representative for Florida Elite, presented an overview of the Port Orange Soccer Club and Florida Elite. Mr. Huffman stated Florida Elite would like to partner with the City's soccer club and the Port Orange Soccer Club would forfeit their partnership. He provided some statistics of the kids who went to college with scholarships.

Chairman Wiles asked what the rules on members playing on more than one team between clubs, and if a player can end the contract early.

Mr. Huffman replied that once the member signs the contract with Florida Elite they can't play with another club. If a player wants to end their contract early they would have to put in a request to do so and depending on the reason the Board can accept or deny their request.

Member Mill-Benat spoke on rumors on Florida Elite being banned from GCF for cheating. She spoke to the President of GCF, Mike Hyatt and read aloud a response she received from him which confirmed that Florida Elite is currently on a 1-year probation with GCF. Ms. Mills-Benat stated the Parks and Recreation Board and City Council have had some issues with Port

Orange Soccer Club in the past which included the number of Port Orange kids, counting kids as residents from other cities, and holding player cards. She stated that Florida Elite seemed to amplify these issues. Member Mills-Benat stated that the Board should take all this into consideration when voting.

Chairman Wiles has some concerns with creating these groups where rosters are fixed and restricting the availability of the team. He spoke on the recreation program growing and having higher demand. Mr. Wiles stated when you have partnerships the taxpayers in general subsidizing for members from out of town.

Vice Chairman Ball stated having the Port Orange name in the title is important to the Board.

Ms. Lovallo explained the role of Florida Elite and the Port Orange Soccer Club partnership. Having a partnership can open up a door to higher level leagues for players with more advanced skills.

Chairman Wiles would like Mr. Huffman to register with Florida Elite until January.

Lauren Valley, representative of Port Orange Volleyball Club, spoke on their club's current boundaries with members playing for other cities.

Member Navarro stated there are positives and negatives to having a partnership.

Vice Chairman Ball asked is the City has enough field space.

Ms. Lovallo stated the City is starting to see a lot of unevenness of the fields and pot holes. She spoke on the need for new fields in the City. Ms. Lovallo stated the City is doing the best with what we currently have, and her department has not been approached by parents being concerned with the City possibly partnering with Florida Elite.

Member Mills-Benat spoke on her concerns regarding the partnership not doing enough for the community.

Ms. Lovallo would like to have the partners put everything in writing to be reviewed by the legal department. She clarified the consensus of the Board which recommend the City charge a rental fee of \$20.00 an hour.

*Motion to approve the soccer park partnership through January 31, 2019 as requested by Florida Elite was made by Member Mills-Benat, Seconded by Vice Chairman Ball. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

##### 5. Board Member attendance

Chairman Wiles spoke on the Board members attendance. He would like to ask the Board Members to recommit if they are still interested. Chairman Wiles would like to change the total

number of members to seven rather than ten due to the issues the Board is having with making a quorum.

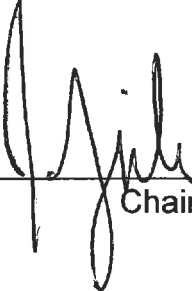
The Board Members discussed the importance of making quorum as they only meet quarterly and the possibility of dropping the Board Member total down to seven. The Members discussed moving the meetings to 5:15 and making the workshops with Council count towards the attendance policy.

*Motion to a change the Board's meeting time from 5:00pm to 5:15pm was made by Member Bowling, Seconded by Member Navarra. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**G. NEXT MEETING DATE**

5. Next Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

**H. ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 p.m.**



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Chairman Wiles