

**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**  
**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING 2023-05**

Held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of May 2023, at the Tony Rosa Community Center, 1520 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Recreation Administration Office at 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Thomas Gaume at 7:06 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Thomas Gaume	Present
<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Randall Olszewski	Absent
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Wudson Fenelon	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mary Jane Russell	Absent
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Logan Luse	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Thomas Graver	Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director; Joanna Alvino, Board Secretary

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**1. Regular Meeting 2023-04; April 4, 2023**

Motion by Chairman Gaume, seconded by Mr. Graver, to adopt minutes as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**REPORTS:**

**1. Fred Poppe Recreation Director**

Mr. Poppe provided reports on the following:

- Achievements this year
- Recapped receiving Proclamation for Kids in Parks, added video.

- Basketball Courts had been resurfaced.
- Disc Golf discussed, meeting on Thursday for timing.
- Dog park delayed due to delay of permits.
- Multi-Cultural Fair and Spring both had 4,000 plus attendees.
- Discussed storm damage to Fred Lee Park, skate park and tennis courts.
- Repairs needed – fencing, ball parks, basketball courts.
- Campgrounds span bridge – research showed steel bridge was more cost effective; cost of bridge may be shared Brevard County; original plans included additional staff.
  - Discussed relationship with Bass Pro, RV companies.
  - Cost may increase if project was still viable.
  - Tourism was makeup of county.
  - Economic Impact
  - Deadline for extra grant money was June 18; no application had been made to date.
  - City match would increase grade.

Mr. Gaume made the following comments:

- Fencing contract at St. Johns Heritage Parkway had been secured.
- Asked if the Multi Culture Fair could be broken into separate areas.
- Asked if the third Lazer Light Show at 10:30 could be eliminated.
- Questioned resident advantage to campground.

Mr. Lutz made the following comments:

- Asked if the additional funds from revenue generated by campgrounds would provide for additional activities in Palm Bay and if it was too late to apply for more funding.

Mr. Graver made the following comments:

- Asked the Board to reconvene in July to discuss campground plans.

- Asked if a motion was needed to vote on recommending approval of the campground.

It was noted that there would be no Board meeting in June.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:16 P.M.

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Thomas Gaume, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Joanna Alvino, Board Secretary