

MINUTES
COLLIER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
COLLIER COMMUNITY CENTER
February 23, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Eckenrode called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**

BOARD

Tim Eckenrode, present
Anthony Vitale, present
Lynn Heckman, present

Drew Weiss, present
Elizabeth Quinn, present
Mary Popeck, absent

COMMISSIONERS & STAFF

Rochelle Barry
Wilson Durisko

Mary Ann Cupples, Friends of Collier Parks and Recreation

- A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve the January meeting minutes, with the exception of correcting the presence of Heckman, was motioned by Quinn and seconded by Weiss. All in Favor motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mary Lou Keintz spoke of the creation of the Collier Historical Society. She is actively seeking board members throughout the Township. She intends to attend the monthly Board of Commissioners meeting on February 24. She will try to get some financial assistance from the Township for descendant homes that will be in the care of the newly formed Historical Society. Keintz recommended placing signage at the front of the Community Center so people passing by will recognize the buildings location. She also mentioned the desire to have senior activities at the Community Center during the day.

4. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**
 - A. Friends of Collier Township Parks and Recreation – Cupples reported that the Friends Board is planning a bake sale for April 26th during primary elections at the Municipal Building. The Board is coordinating with Chartiers Valley School district for an art show. The luau event has been moved to 2017 (possibly).
 - B. Molly’s Dog Park – Eckenrode noted that the topic of the parks location is a topic that will be discussed at the February 24, 2016 Collier Township Board of Commissioners meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend. To date \$7,640.80 has been raised for the construction of Molly’s Dog Park.

5. **TOWNSHIP NEWS** – Sirabella

- Parks and Recreation Board Appointments – the BOC reappointed Drew Weiss to term to expire 2019. Elizabeth Quinn will be moved from alternate member to regular members at next Board meeting.
- American Flag – for Collier Park has been ordered and expect installation by Memorial Day.
- Teamster Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations continue – we are currently without a contract, contract expiration date December 31, 2015. We are optimistic that we will settle soon -
- Historical Society – First Organizational meeting – March 15th – Community Center -6:30pm. –general discussion and decision if we should move forward.
- Let’s Pick it Up Collier – Keep Collier Beautiful 2016 – Saturday April 23rd. Information to follow.

- Public Works Director – position has been advertised and we have secured 28 applications . The Commissioners are completing the interview process and will name a Director soon.
- Discovery Path at Hilltop Park - Contract has been bid, bids have been received and we anticipate awarding at tomorrow's Workshop meeting.
- Molly's Dog Park at Collier Park – BOC reviewing bids and projected shortfalls and reviewing Collier Park location.
- Hilltop Park – anticipate project to start as the weather breaks - first part of the project will be installation of restrooms.
- Hilltop Park Ribbon Cutting –summer
- County Infrastructure and Tourism Fund Grant – application has made for demolition of two of the remaining buildings at Collier Park - \$155,019. Which will require a Collier match of \$20,000.
- Field Usage Agreements have been signed with the following –

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS - Barry

- Field Usage Agreements have been signed with CTAA, Youth Lacrosse, and CVSA
- We also have an agreement with CV Ultimate Frisbee (Club Sport) to use our gymnasium until the weather breaks then they will use Kelly Field.
- Continuing to have early morning hours until April to see if better weather will get more people here in the morning. Currently most people don't come in until 7am.
- Childcare is now open Monday-Thursday 4pm-8pm and Saturday 8am-12pm.
- Looking into options for police/security during parties at Community Center to be proactive about underage drinking.
- See flyers for upcoming programs
- See attached reports for gymnasium usage schedule, membership numbers, and budgets.

A. OLD BUSINESS – None

B. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Parks and Recreation Board Terms – Eckenrode stated that the Board is actively seeking new members. The Board intends to conduct interviews for vacant board seats in the near future.
- b. Election of Officers – Heckman nominated Eckenrode for Board President. Quinn seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Heckman nominated Weiss for Board Vice President. Quinn seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Heckman nominated Vitale for Board Secretary. Quinn seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Eckenrode inquired with Durisko as to how the Board of Commissioners define success at the Community Center. Durisko stated that the board is satisfied with the progress to date.

9. ADJORNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.