

**FRIENDS OF COLLIER PARKS & RECREATION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski at 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski, Deb Zymroz, Anna Ewing, Kyle Linner, Marilyn Townsend, Dave Brown

Absent: Sarah Brown, Sadie Sterner Restivo

Guests: Josh Werner, Director/Parks and Recreation Department

- II. Minutes of the December 20, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted. The January 17, 2022 meeting was canceled.

- III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

- IV. Reports

Treasurer's Report by Deb Zymroz: The current balance is \$28,456.71. Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski advised that Friends received approximately \$1,000 in contributions made in memory of Dan Styche.

Report of Parks and Recreation Board by Anna Ewing and Deb Zymroz with additional comments provided by Josh Werner and Kyle Linner: Upon further discussion, the Board decided to forego setting up a concession stand during the remaining winter basketball games. Instead, Kyle Linner will make arrangements to have a Kona Ice truck and possibly a food truck present throughout the summer basketball season which begins on July 9, 2022, and runs every Saturday through August 13, 2022. Friends will receive a donation from the vendors either via a flat fee or a percentage of their sales. Kona Ice typically donates 25% of their profit. This fundraiser should prove successful given the fact that the outdoor soccer league will be playing games simultaneously with the indoor summer basketball league. With regard to upcoming events, Board members are encouraged to contact Josh Werner if you are able to volunteer for the Easter Bunny Breakfast to be held on April 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. That event will include a breakfast, crafts, and an egg hunt.

Report by Josh Werner: At the request of Josh Werner, the Board unanimously approved a \$1,500 contribution toward the cost of an upgraded inflatable movie screen package. Friends will receive a public recognition for this donation. Presentation of the laser show tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2022, was put on hold due to the fact that neither Josh Werner nor Rob Shazer would be available on that day and also due to the short timeframe to publicize this event.

Monument Path Stones: Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski advised that one large memorial stone has been purchased by a family in honor of a loved one. Upon motion by Anna Ewing, which was unanimously approved, Friends will purchase a large memorial stone in honor of Dan Styche.

V. Old Business

Food Trucks During Summer Concerts in the Park: Upon discussion among the Board members and Josh Werner, it was agreed that Kyle Linner would serve as liaison for scheduling the food trucks for the summer concerts in the park.

VI. Fundraisers

Mother's Day/Annual Flats Flower Sale report by Marilyn Townsend and Anna Ewing: This fundraiser was tabled as it would conflict with a flower sale sponsored by one of the local churches. Future consideration will be given for another fall mum sale.

TIP Board Sale: It was unanimously agreed that Friends will not sponsor another sale at the present time or in the foreseeable future.

50/50 Raffle: Friends will sell 50/50 tickets during the summer concerts in the park.

Movies in the Park: Kyle Linner will look into having a Kona Ice truck at the outdoor movies in the park once a schedule has been posted, and Friends will consider setting up a concession stand.

VII. New Business

Reorganization: This matter was placed on hold pending the elections to be held in June 2022. Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski will chair the meetings until that time.

PA DECD Grant Opportunity – Due to the fast-approaching deadline of March 15, 2022, a grant will not be submitted. Of note, any project submitted for consideration must cost a minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000. In the future, Friends is hoping for a grant to build a bridge over the pond at the end of Hilltop Park.

Key Bank Opportunity to Change From “Square” to “Clover Flex Overview”: Upon discussion among the Board members, it was agreed that no change will be made at this time.

VIII. Board Member Comments

Mary Ann Cupples-Wisniowski received an email from Bill Wenger regarding the bluebird and swallow nest boxes. Currently, there are 15 nest boxes between the Bluebird Trail at Hilltop Park and the Community Center. The last time there were nesting purple martins at Hilltop Park was in 2017. Bill Wenger made some suggestions to increase additional housing for the purple martins. In addition, Bill Wenger would like to hold a bluebird seminar and possibly a purple martin seminar for the community. Josh Werner will contact Bill Wenger to make those arrangements.

Dave Brown advised that their tree farm has an abundance of trees. He would like to donate a tree, possibly an autumn blaze, in memory of Dan Styche. The tree would have to be planted sometime in April or May. It was mentioned that a plaque could be placed beneath the tree.

IX. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 21, 2022, 3:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building.

X. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.