

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 10, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**Town Hall- 17425 Gulf Blvd.  
Redington Shores, FL 33708**

**CALL TO ORDER by Chair Loretta Fricks at 5PM**

**ROLL CALL: Loretta Fricks, Marie Palena, Cathy Sypniewski, Emily Schrader and Ginger McQuigg**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Beautification of Nature Park – In Attendance to bring the committee an update from the Town were Mike Pafumi (Supervisor of Public Works) and Mike McGlothlin (Town Administrator).

The contract for the work at Nature Park has been signed for the planting. The Town is going to take care of the removal of the old plants and doing the prep for the new plants. The Herbicide has been applied and it will be a month before anything else can be done. There was a question about whether the irrigation system was working properly and would be ready to handle the new plants which should go in early Spring (late March/early April). It was reported that everything was working and that the Town would supply the beautification proposal to the irrigation company for them to review to make sure everything was adequate.

Discussion followed from the last meeting about installing a banner at the park to denote that “Beautification was underway”. Exact wording was not decided. It was suggested that we word the banner appropriately since the real beautification would not happen until Spring so that people aren’t disappointed. There was discussion about whether a QR code could be put on the banner giving the public access to the plans. It was noted that the Town branding was not solidified so we could not move forward with the sign for the Nature Park until after that was decided.

2. Beach Access Improvements – Both Mike P and Mike Mc discussed what they have been doing regarding beach access improvements. Each of the access points have been numbered so that when they need attention it will be easy to identify. Some of the accesses have issues from storm damage or sand piling up and they are being dealt with. Cathy shared some of the things the committee

has been talking about and that she put together in a document for easy reference. It was discovered that the committee and the Town are already in agreement on many items. One of the most important for all was consistency and combining of the signs.

3. Holiday Décor for future years. The committee was informed that the cost to put up the current decorations that are on the 30 poles runs around \$10,000. The Town does not own the decorations and the installation company is who decides what goes up. The committee has been in discussion about what could be done to have Redington Shores appear more festive and was advised to continue to come up with ideas and present them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Town Information Boards – The committee felt that the current information boards looked very tired and homemade. While we are looking into any major improvements, it was suggested that we at least do something to improve the appearance of the current boards and better identify them as Redington Shores. More ideas and discussion to follow.
2. Budgeting Process: Mike McLaughlin discussed his goals for future budgeting with the involvement of the PAR Committee in the process. That process would start in April to plan for 2025 since the budget year runs from October 1- September 30<sup>th</sup>. Since the PAR Committee has not been involved in the past and does not have a budget, we shall continue to operate for the balance of this year as we have been doing by gathering ideas and specifics for same and presenting them to the Commission.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Parks and Recreation Committee Membership: Loretta gave an update on current members: CJ Hoyt has been appointed as a Commissioner and will no longer serve on the PAR committee; Bonnie Utz will not be able to attend meetings for an indefinite period as she helps in the care of an ill family member; Michelle will not be able to fulfill the rest of her term on the committee due to a schedule that will not allow her the time to comply with meetings, etc. There was discussion about exactly how many members we should have or were required to have. Loretta said that the commission was discussing that at the meeting at 6pm.

Osprey Stands – In the Nature Park there are 2 that need to be refurbished. The town will ask Duke Energy to replace these while they are working on undergrounding the utilities.

Chain Link Fence Replacement at County Park -question arose about the status of changing out the chain link fence for a white vinyl fence across the front of the park on

Gulf Blvd. It appears that this has been delayed due to clean up issues in that same area that have not been totally completed.

**ADJOURNMENT at 6PM Next Meeting will be held at 5PM on January 24, 2024**

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