

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
MAY 25, 2021 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Member Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Sandy Trammell	Matthew Sweetser	Kim Montgomery City Clerk
Nikki Johnson		Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Barbara Telford		Ryan Reed Recreation Dept. Supervisor
Danielle Piper		
Brian Liesveld		
Leslie Schmidt		

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **April 27, 2021**

Motion to approve the April 27, 2021, minutes as written was made by Committee member Liesveld with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 6-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- **Trees on the Coast Presentation - Bobby Wagner** *This item was delayed to later in the meeting.*

6. OLD BUSINESS:

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Johnson – Nothing**
- **Committee member Liesveld –** Spoke of how he is working on a work plan to help improve the to help with the approval process. Noting that every other city in the general area has an easier process. And how it just may be a matter of

changing the process to make it easier for people to have runs/walks in the city to get approved.

- **Committee member Piper** - Spoke of her work plan item to beautify the Buck Destin Park with new landscaping and install a children's garden and a rock garden. She mentioned how she has spoken to a master gardener, and they have students who need to put in hours and would be willing to help the city. Noting that this will probably more in the 2022 timeframe after the completion of the restrooms, to not to interfere with that process. There was a discussion on how the work plan process works.
- **Committee member Telford** – Mentioned her work plan for the Develop an Adopt-a-Park Park Program.
- **Committee member Schmidt** – Briefly spoke of her work plan to improve the look of Phase II Cemetery to beautify it by installing additional landscaping and trees and the goal to have block the parking lot of the Sheriff's substation and all their vehicles and equipment in up on Stahlman Avenue.

➤ **PRESENTATION:**

- **Trees on the Coast Presentation - Bobby Wagner**

Mr. Wagner spoke of wanting to assist the committee with planting trees on city owned property. He explained he is the Executive Director of Trees on the Coast and how it is a Tri-County organization focused on the beautification of the land, adding that Alan French started the organization seven years ago. He spoke of how the organization is completely self-funded by sponsorships from area businesses and their three pillars are:

- Plant
- Beautify
- Educate

He spoke currently, his involvement assist in beautifying the Phase II Cemetery on Sibert Avenue. And explained how he obtained the layout of the cemetery from staff of where each plot is located and overlayed it with his plan for trees. Emphasizing that none of the plots will be effected by this plan and they would be planting the miniature Crepe Myrtles, which do not have invasive root system. He thanks the committee members and Mrs. Firth and spoke of how he is excited to get it approved and started.

- **Chairwoman Trammell** – Reminded the members that anything they want on the agenda needs to be sent to staff a week before the meeting.
- **Staff Comments:** Mrs. Firth provided the members with the following updates:

- Capt. Royal Melvin Park is coming along slowly still having issues with the footings being properly poured.
- Leonard Destin Park is busy and as anticipated, there are issues with people parking and staying out at Crab Island all day. And staff is trying to come up with solutions on how to enforce parking for park patronage only.
- Clement Taylor Park Renovations is still in the County's hands for the funding.
- Norriego Point is still anticipated to break ground after Labor Day.
- Joes Bayou/Old concrete plant plans will be brought before them as soon as the 30% plans are available for review.
- Memorial Day Recognition is Monday, May 31st at the Destin Memorial Cemetery, Phase I at 11:00 a.m.
- The Dog Park has new sod that getting settled in and new mulch should be put down this week.

- Recognition of Matthew Sweetser – Compass Resorts/FL League of Cities Dinner

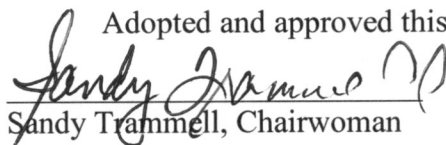
Mrs. Firth explained that Committee member Sweetser was tremendous help to city staff at the Florida League of Cities Dinner held at the Palms of Destin as well as Compass Resorts donated the trees for National Arbor Day that were planted in the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park last month.

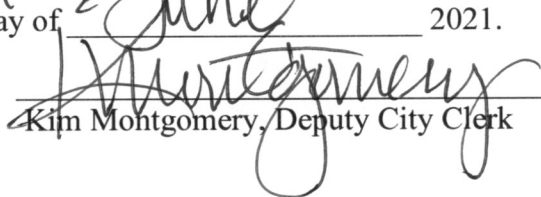
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Next meeting:** July 27, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Adopted and approved this 22nd day of June 2021.


Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk