



**AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ATTENDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) March 22, 2022**
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A) Park Inspections Update**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) Destin High School Request**
 - B) Independence Bike Parade- Judges**
 - C) Meeting Dates Discussion**
 - D) Adopt-A-Park Application Review**
- 6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**
- 7. STAFF REPORTS** Royal Melvin : Update Norriego Point : Update CTP : Update Joe's Bayou : Update Buck Destin Park / Morgan's Restroom
- 8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE: July 26**
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Comments from the public on any matters considered at the meeting, or on any matters not on the agenda)

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**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
MARCH 22, 2021 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2021, in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Sandy Trammell
Nikki Johnson
Danielle Piper
Barbara Telford
Leslie Schmidt

Member Absent

Brian Liesveld
Matthew Sweetser

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Ryan Reed Dep. Recreation Director
Michael Baird Parks & Rec Supervisor
Steven O'Connor Principal Planner
Daniel Butler Senior Planner
Joe Bodi Engineering Asst. II

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 29, 2021

October 26, 2021

Motion by Committee member Johnson, seconded by Committee member Schmidt, the members voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021 and the October 26, 2021 minutes.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Stormwater Master Plan Presentation – Joe Bodi**

Mr. Bodi presented the 2022 Stormwater Master Plan to the members. Explaining the plan provides mitigation and strategies for Code revisions to both the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan to ensure consistency for both as well as creating sub-drainage basins using LiDAR which will be conducted by the City's Continuing Services Contractor Jenkins Engineering.

He explained the update identified three (3) study areas, and thirteen (13) drainage projects. The projects were prioritized based upon the Level of Service (LOS) established under the 2004 SWMP list of projects, the SWMP proposes a City-wide Swale Initiative. The City-wide Swale Initiative will identify additional public rights of way and reestablish existing roadside swales (i.e., 3:1 slope) to further improve the MS4 and City LOS for drainage. Furthermore, private stormwater facilities, approved through the Development Order process, will also be part of the City-wide initiative. However, the reestablishment and maintenance responsibility will fall upon the respective Homeowners, Homeowners Associations or Property Management Company.

The objectives are:

- Identify the City's changing needs regarding storm water runoff, from quantity to quality.
- Identify flood mitigation and water quality improvement projects and study areas.
- Provide policy recommendations to provide clear expectations and address deficiencies in the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.
- Provide an avenue for a dedicated funding source for stormwater facilities maintenance and repairs to continue compliance with the State of Florida's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Below is the list of study areas and identified projects, listed in priority, based upon the 2004 LOS:

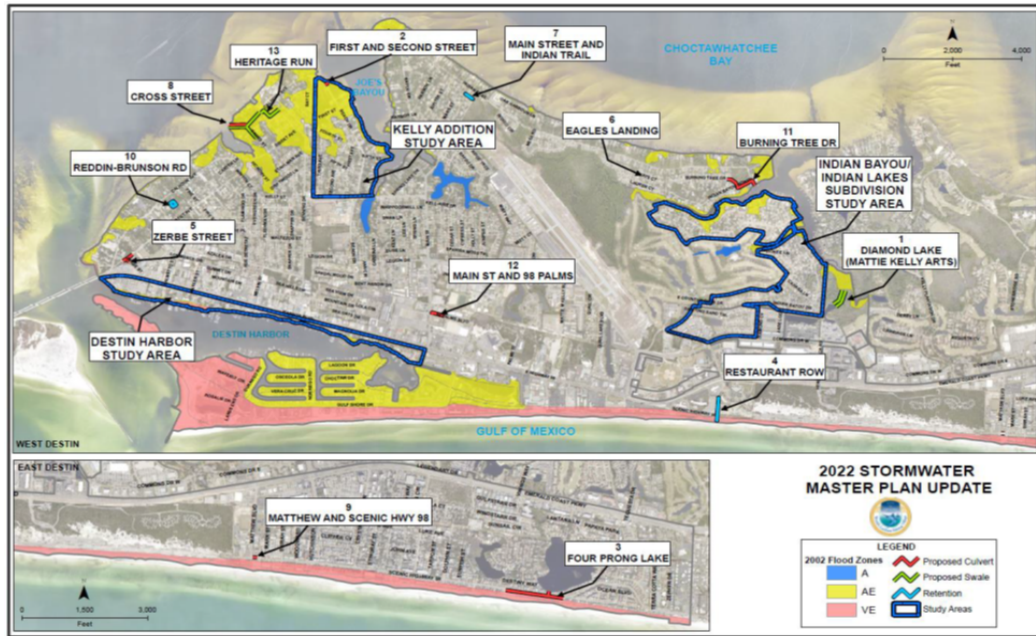
STUDY AREAS:

Indian Bayou/Indian Lakes
Kelly Addition Subdivision
Destin Harbor

PRIORITY PROJECTS LIST:

Diamond Lake (Mattie Kelly Arts)
First and Second Street
Four Prong Lake
Restaurant Row
Zerbe Street
Eagles Landing
Heritage Run

Main Street and Indian Trail
Cross Street
Scenic 98 and Matthew Boulevard
Reddin Brunson
Burning Tree
Main Street & 98 Palms



Chairwoman Trammell asked about the stormwater drainage located outside of the airport on Main Street and Indian Trail. According to Mr. Bodi, that will most likely be pipes with culverts and some swales to take the water from the Airport property that drains onto Main Street. Additionally, the airport is looking into expansion in the near future and their stormwater will be addressed.

Committee member Johnson spoke of the project for 1st and 2nd Street and asked if any consideration has been taken for the wetlands that are located across the street from Mattie Kelly but where the water drains over to the Mattie Kelly wetlands. Adding that she is concerned because the owner of the lot is wanting to develop it.

According to Mr. Bodi, the city is aware of their interest, and they have been informed the lot is considered wetlands. Additionally, that parcel will be a part of the comprehensive study that may end up having to be purchased or coming up with some other means of getting the water moved. He also spoke of there being several other dynamics going on in that area but they just won't know anything until after the study is finalized.

Chairwoman Trammell spoke of how wherever there are homes in these areas that have been affected by flooding, they should be put at the top of the list for the study.

Chairwoman Trammell made the motion that wherever stormwater is flooding people's homes, those properties need to be placed at the top of the priority list. Committee member Piper provided the second. The motion passed 5-0.

➤ **Wayfinding Master Plan & Planning Area Project Update – Daniel Butler**

Mr. Butler explained the only change from the last time he presented this to them was a change from the TDD and staff has identified areas of significance for signing. Also, with the city partnering with the TDD for the funding of the program, they have provided some areas they would like to have included in the plan. Staff has identified the main east/west corridors, Marler Bridge, and Danny Wuerffel Way, city facilities, library, and the fishing museum. He also noted, their feedback in to not sign the village areas of the city except for Joe's Bayou has been implemented. Staff is seeking guidance to move forward to go to the LPA one more time for their recommendation to Council for the adoption of the plan.

Motion by Committee member Johnson to recommend the City Council to approve and adopt the Wayfinding Master Plan with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

➤ **Park Inspections**

Mrs. Firth informed the members that she would input the information from their inspections and bring them a comprehensive report where staff is with the repairs. She also reminded the members to continue to make note of any dedicated trees they find in their inspections and report so she can keep the inventory up-to-date.

➤ **Arbor Day**

In discussion, the decision was made to have the Arbor Day/tree planting at Kell-Air North Park, Committee member Schmidt spoke of how she feels two trees should be planted at each side of the entrance of the park.

Aubrey Santucci will be the speaker and Committee member Schmidt agreed to find out if the Pre-K children can attend the event, which will be on April 22, 2022.

Committee member Trammell spoke of how she would like to have a tree planted in the memory of Tammy Scott, who lived just across the street from the park.

➤ **Annual Report & Work Plans**

The members reviewed the Annual Report and Work Plans and discussed minor changes needed. Chairwoman Trammell spoke of needing to make some minor corrections to them before presenting it to Council.

Motion by Committee member Telford to approve the Annual Report and Work Plans and present to Council once the minor changes are made. Committee member Johnson providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

➤ **Member Comments**

Committee member Johnson commended staff for the Joe's Bayou survey and asked if the results would be presented to them. According to Mrs. Firth, they will be presented to them by Mr. Pierce Barrett along with the plans when they are at the 30% stage.

Chairwoman Trammell spoke of how Council member Wagner has mentioned that he would like to see the park hours extended an additional 30-minutes past sunset for those that like to enjoy it. She also mentioned that she would like to discuss the linear park in the Town Center District and suggests inviting Lockwood Wernet to a meeting to discuss the status.

➤ **Staff Report**

- Royal Melvin Heritage Park continues to be behind schedule and most likely will not be finished by the proposed 4/18 date.
- Easter Egg Hunt – April 16th @ Morgan Sports Center
- Founders Day – 1st Saturday in May (7th)
- Clement Taylor Park still on hold

Mrs. Firth also asked the members to keep an eye out for any commercial businesses they see operating out of city parks. She explained staff is working hard to get them stopped but they need help. So, if they see anything suspicious, take a picture of the vehicle or boat identification and contact her.

➤ **Next meeting:** April 26, 2022

ADJOURNMENT:

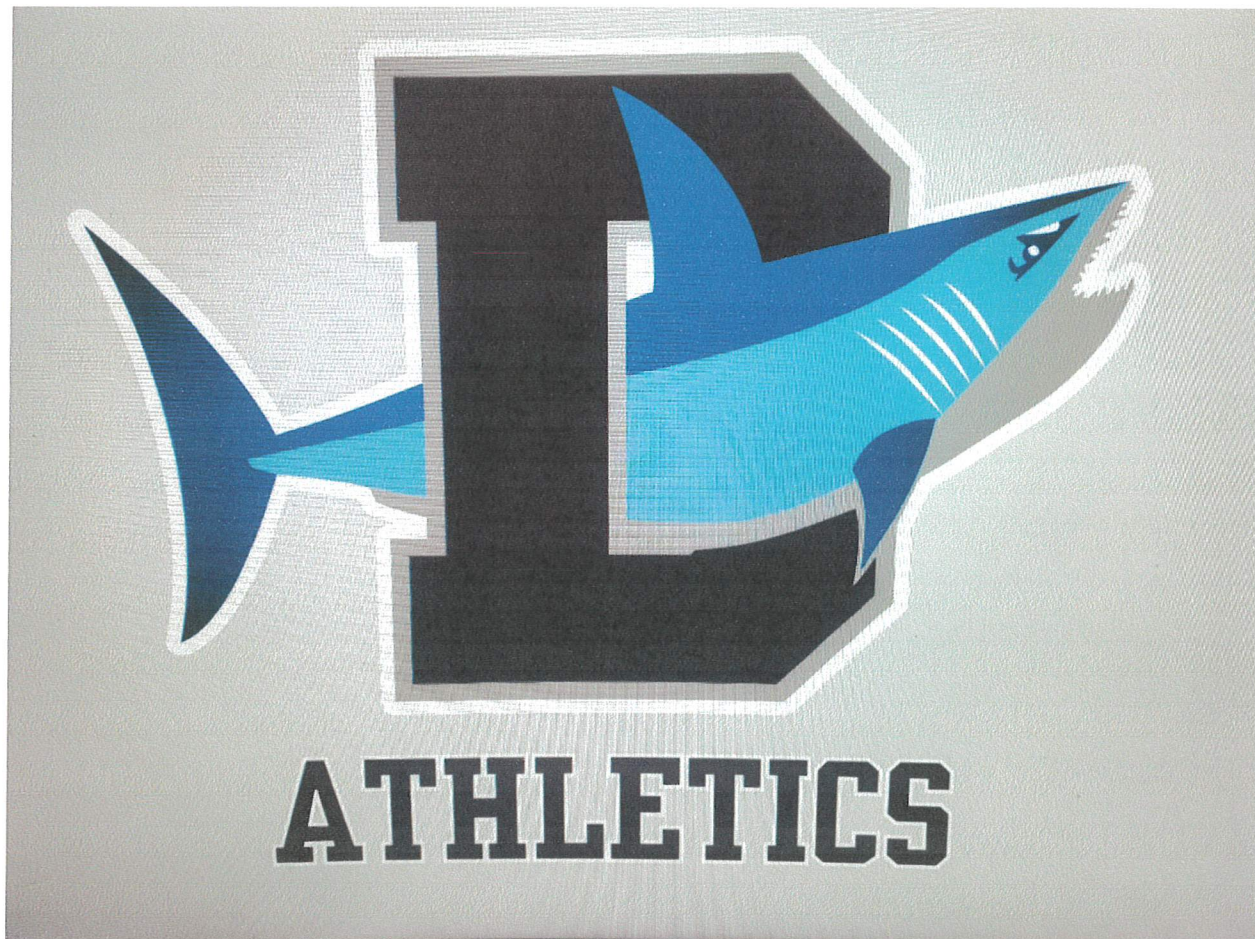
Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

**A Teamwork Effort to Build a High School
Baseball Park at Morgan Sports Center
Prepared by Philip K. Dorn MA,CAA
Athletic Director, Destin High School
for the Destin City Council
June 20, 2022**



#22Sports1TEAM

PURPOSE:

On behalf of the Destin High School Executive Board, our Principal, Christine Cruickshank, and the Destin High School Community we are here this evening to initiate a teamwork opportunity with the Destin City Council. We are requesting to partner with the Destin City Council, the Destin City Parks and Recreation Department, and Destin High School to renovate one of the existing Softball Fields at Morgan's Sports Center into a NFHS, and FHSAA compliant Baseball Field to practice and compete at the Interscholastic Level of Baseball.

THE CURRENT STATE OF DESTIN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL:

Destin High School opened its doors on August 10, 2021 and initiated 21 Varsity Sports during the 2021-22 school year. The first ever Varsity Baseball Team began its first practice on January 24, 2022 at Destin Elementary School. At that time there was not a NFHS compliant baseball field in the city of Destin capable of meeting standards for Interscholastic Competition. Through the efforts of Lisa Firth and Ryan Reed of the City of Destin Parks and Recreation Department, and Destin High School an attempt was made to repair and upgrade the Destin Elementary School Baseball Field into a compliant field for practice and games. The City of Destin Parks and Recreation rebuilt the infield, pitcher's mound, and repaired the safety fence down the third base line. However, after meeting with FHSAA Baseball Umpires it was determined that it would take the following additional upgrades to make the Destin Elementary Field safe and compliant for Interscholastic Baseball Games:

- Repair or replacements of lights – estimated at \$10,000 to meet safety requirements.
- Additional fence repairs to the 1ST Base line safety fence estimated at \$8,500.00.
- Rebuild of Baseball Backstop estimated at \$15,000.00
- Baseball netting added to outfield fence to extend protection for the Elementary School Portable Classrooms \$4,686.00.
- Total to repair Destin Elementary School Baseball into a Compliant High School Baseball Field - \$38,186.00

These estimated repairs were determined at about the halfway point of the 2022 DHS Baseball season. At that time a decision was made to finish the season playing the rest of the games on the road due to a lack of a compliant high school baseball park in Destin. Destin High School Baseball played all 25 games at opposing schools facilities logging a mind blowing 2,537 miles of travel to play baseball. The ultimate travel team, Destin High Baseball competed and represented our community entirely without playing one competition in the City of Destin.

After meeting with Superintendent of Okaloosa County Schools, Marcus Chambers it was determined that the current Destin Elementary School Baseball field would only be available for the next 3-5 years before renovations to expand Destin Elementary School would begin. With this information a meeting was held with the Destin High School Baseball parents to determine fundraising and next steps. The parents determined that any money that would be raised would be better invested in a facility that would be available for many years and one that the whole community could benefit from. The request was made to pursue the possibility of renovating one of the senior softball fields at Morgan's Sport Center. It was felt that this would be a better proximity for both games and practice. It was also communicated that this would represent the Destin Community better aesthetically.

THE REQUEST TO RENOVATE MORGAN'S SPORTS CENTER:

There are many mutual benefits for the City of Destin, the City of Destin Parks and Recreation, and the Destin High School to renovate one of the Senior Softball Fields at Morgan's Sport Center into a NFHS Compliant High School Baseball Field. The first benefit is the existing fields could be renovated easily with less expense than building a new baseball park. The senior softball fields currently provide NFHS requirements for the Right and Left Field Foul Poles to be 300 feet from Home Plate. The existing fence could be extended to meet safety requirements, and the infield could be renovated into 90 foot base paths, a grass infield and a regulation pitching mound. These modifications could be made without moving the existing fence lines for the field. The requested field would be the field that faces the existing parking lot to the Northeast. This would allow home plate to face

the Northeast, a preferred directional for hitters in baseball. Aesthetically this park would be a great representation of the Destin Community, and the Destin High School.

MUTUAL BENEFITS FOR CITY OF DESTIN, PARKS AND RECREATION, AND DHS:

- The first and only High School Compliant Baseball Park in the City of Destin.
- Since becoming an Application Member of the FHSAA this facility would allow Destin to host FHSAA Tournament Games
- The opportunity for DHS to host home high school baseball games vs. other high school communities. Bringing more visitors to Destin Restaurants, Hotels, and Beaches.
- The opportunity to provide a practice and competition site for High School Baseball Tournaments, camps and clinics.
- Advanced programming and rentals for the City of Destin Parks and Recreation for High School Baseball including organizations such as Perfect Game, and Major League Baseball.
- Shared maintenance and care manpower with Destin High School and the City of Destin Parks and Recreation Department.
- A community facility to build the dreams and hopes of the City of Destin's youth.

COST ESTIMATES:

A lay in of how this renovation could occur to the northeast softball field of Morgan's Sports Center has been provided by Jack Baker, from DAG Architects Inc. This rendition would provide a 20 foot high fence approximately 4,056 sq feet foul pole, to foul pole. The infield would be grass with 90 foot base paths. These renovations would meet both the NFHS, and FHSAA compliance requirements.

- Fence Estimate: \$30.00 per running foot provided by J & P Fencing, Marianna, Florida
- Tiffway Bermuda Grass Infield and labor to increase size \$20,000 to \$22,000 – Crawford Landscapping



RAISE
OUTFIELD
FENCE TO
20'-0"

CREATE NEW
GRASSED
INFIELD WITH
90' BASES



Recommended
Distance from
Foul Line to Nearest
Obstruction or Dugout
Should Be 60'

Recommended
Line Width is 2½"

The On - Deck
Circle
Should Be
To the Side
And Away From
Home Plate,
37' If Space Allows