



**AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ATTENDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) March 23, 2021**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A) Bobby Wagner, Trees on the Coast**
 - Cemetery Ideas - Phase II
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A) Arbor Day Celebration**
 - Date: Thursday, April 29th.
 - Time: 10:00 am
 - Location: Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
- 7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**
 - A) Nikki Johnson**
 - B) Matthew Sweetser**
 - C) Brian Liesveld**
 - D) Daniella Piper**
 - Clement Taylor Park
 - Main Street Park Vandalism
 - Wish List
 - E) Leslie Schmidt**
 - Cemetery

F) Barbara Telford

- **Park Inspection Submissions**

G) Sandy Trammell

8. STAFF REPORTS

A) Lisa Firth, Director of Parks and Recreation

- **Parks Updates**

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 25, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council, committee, board, panel, or agency with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she will may need to ensure that a record of the verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon the appeal is to be based.

"Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in this meeting are requested to notify the Public Services Office 850/837-4242 at least 48 hours in advance".

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
MARCH 23, 2021 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Sandy Trammell
Matthew Sweetser
Barbara Telford
Nikki Johnson
Danielle Piper
Leslie Schmidt
Brian Liesveld

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Ryan Reed Recreation Dept. Supervisor
Don Smith City Engineer
Joe Bodi Engineer Asst. II.
Sheri Bethea

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **February 23, 2021**

Motion to approve the February 23, 2021 minutes as written was made by Committee member Johnson with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 7-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Historical Site Markers/Ms. Wen Livingston**

Ms. Livingston briefly explained how this came from Councilmember Ramswell asking for historical makers to be placed throughout the city, and how she is assisting with obtaining a grant to help offset the cost. She explained how she is working with Kathy Marler Blue to log in the areas of significance that will be marked. She also spoke of how they will fall under the Wayfinding Signage Program the Community Development Department is working on to stay consistent with all signs in the city. And possibly have a future plan of walking tours.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Park Assignments:**

The members briefly discussed the importance of noting any Memorial Plaques that they may see under a tree or any other kind of plant so staff can update their list.

- **Work Plans**

The members briefly discussed the work plan items and who is responsible for each one. The community partners beach committee was discussed, and Mrs. Firth explained it is not an official city meeting with staff and minutes taken. However, it was decided to make it work plan item since there is an

assigned member (Barb) and an alternate (Matt) to keep the committee updated on what's discussed. There also was a brief discussion on the new properties on the beach that was acquired and what should be implemented when opened to the public. Also, the importance of keeping them cleaned of garbage, which is a big concern. The beach bins for people to share beach equipment was briefly discussed.

The Sports Complex and the Beach Vendors was briefly discussed but determined that a work plan item for each is too premature at this point.

Committee member Schmidt spoke of her interest in improving the cemetery as well as her concern for how the city is planning for the future to bury all the people that live in the city. This was briefly discussed with ideas suggested for the work plan item.

Committee member Johnson stated that she would take over the Dog Park work plan item. Mrs. Firth spoke of the Gazebo that the Destin Forward is donating and new grass installation.

Committee member Liesveld spoke of runs in the city and how he's heard how hard it is to have them in Destin and wants to know what he can do to start having them take place more in the city, especially in the off season. The Chairman suggested making it a work plan item and work on the issues. Mrs. Firth spoke of the timers being a big issue because the larger cities like Pensacola, they get a higher number of participants than Destin does.

Mrs. Firth informed the members to work on their items and bring them to their next meetings to work on further and discuss. Adding that they have plenty of item to work on them before they have to present them to Council in September/October timeframe.

The Arbor Day was briefly discussed and the tentative date set. The plan is to have a tree planted at the Dog Park and Committee member Sweetser said that Compass Resorts has committed to donating the trees. The members also briefly discussed inviting Noah's Ark children to attend. There was a brief discussion on Earth Day cleanup and the locations of where the clean ups will take place.

*Committee member Sweetser left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- **Committee member Liesveld** – Spoke of the importance of the Cares Act funds that are available. He left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
- **Committee member Piper** – Spoke of concern for the language in the referendum and how it effects beach vendors and the needs to go before Council and speak of their concerns on ways to carve out the beach property. Mrs. Frith stated she would gather more information and then bring it back at an upcoming meeting.
- **Committee member Schmidt** – Spoke of how every October like is St. Francis day and is there a possibility of the city having a Blessing of the Animals Day. According to Mrs. Firth, the Emmanuel Anglican Church did this prior to Covid.

DRAFT

- **Chairwoman Trammell** – Spoke of how nice Main Street park looks now that the reeds have been cut down.
- **Committee member Johnson** spoke of the need to have a water access area in the city to be more dog friendly with a dog washing station for people to hose off their dogs as they leave. She also mentioned the need to have restroom facilities at the Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park.
- **Staff Comments:** Mrs. Firth verified that all items have been addressed for the Harbor Lane improvements so that she can close it out. Chairwoman Trammell spoke of how she has been approached with a request to have a sidewalk installed so that mom's pushing strollers and anyone in a wheelchair can get near to the water to watch the sunset, if they want to.
- **Public Comment:** None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Adopted and approved this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

**CITY OF DESTIN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION PROGRAM**

**Please join us in celebrating Arbor Day 2021
Thursday, April 29, 2021 • 10:00 A.M.
Nancy Weidenhamer Dog Park**



"The creation of a thousand forests are in one acorn." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

WELCOME

City of Destin Mayor, Gary Jarvis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City of Destin:

Mayor Gary Jarvis

Councilman Skip Overdier

Councilwoman Terésa Hebert

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (Mayor)

City Council Members present

Parks and Recreation Committee :

Nikki Johnson, Brian Liesveld, Daniella Piper, Leslie Schmidt, Matt Sweetser, Barbara Telford, Sandy Trammell

Destin Chamber of Commerce Destin Forward Class of 2021

Noah's Ark Pre School

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

**Mayor, Gary Jarvis Presented the Proclamation to the Parks and Recreation Committee
at the April 19th, Council Meeting.**

ARBOR DAY SPEAKER

Aubrey Santucci-Coastline Tree Service

TREE DEDICATION

Trees donated by: Compass Resorts, Trees on the Coast, and The Destin Chamber of Commerce Destin Forward Class of 2021

Planted in celebration of Arbor Day 2021

(Mayor , Council, Committee, and Staff shovel dirt)

(Pre-School throws dirt on if teachers want them to)

PLANTING OF TREE FOR TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION

Destin marks 19 years as a Tree City USA



Parks & Recreation Department

4200 Indian Bayou Trail | Destin, FL 32541 | Phone: 850-650-1241 | Fax: 850-650-0724 | www.cityofdestin.com

Park Inspection

Park Name/Selection: Barracuda Trail

Date Inspected: 4/13/2021

Inspector name: Barbara Telford

ITEM	CONDITION OBSERVED						DESCRIBE ACTION NEEDED Use back of this form for additional comments.
	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Litter, trash					(5)	NA	
Garbage cans					(5)	NA	
Turf					(5)	NA	
Limbs down, tree issues					(5)	NA	
Graffiti, vandalism observed.					(5)	NA	
Parking areas					(5)	NA	
Sidewalks, boardwalks, pathways					(5)	NA	
Park buildings, shelters, other structures					(5)	NA	
Fences, backstops, goals			(3)			NA	
Playground conditions					(5)	NA	
Benches, bleachers, tables					(5)	NA	
Drinking fountains					(5)	NA	
Electrical or lighting					(5)	NA	
Standing water, clogged drains					(5)	NA	
Sink holes, erosion					(5)	NA	
Kudzu, unwanted vegetation					(5)	NA	
Illegal dumping, urban camping					(5)	NA	
Fire ants, other insects					(5)	NA	
Shrubs, plants, flowers					(5)	NA	
Gates, bollards					(5)	NA	
Signage					(5)	NA	
					(5)	NA	

15 mins.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Inspector Signature: Barbara Telford Date: 4/13 Phone: 850-499-2643



Parks & Recreation Department

4200 Indian Bayou Trail | Destin, FL 32541 | Phone: 850-650-1241 | Fax: 850-650-0724 | www.cityofdestin.com

Park Inspection

Park Name/Selection: Children's Park

Date Inspected: 3/23/21

Inspector name: Barbara Telford

ITEM	CONDITION OBSERVED						DESCRIBE ACTION NEEDED Use back of this form for additional comments.
	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Litter, trash				(4)		NA	Just a few plastic cups on ground
Garbage cans				(5)		NA	
Turf		(X)	2	3	(4)	(5) NA	
Limbs down, tree issues				(4)	(5)	NA	
Graffiti, vandalism observed.				(4)	(5)	NA	
Parking areas				(4)	(5)	NA	
Sidewalks, boardwalks, pathways				(4)	(5)	NA	
Park buildings, shelters, other structures				(4)	(5)	NA	
Fences, backstops, goals			(3)	4	5	NA	Rip in mesh covering fence hooked at top of fence See note at bottom
Playground conditions				(4)	5	NA	
Benches, bleachers, tables				(4)	(5)	NA	
Drinking fountains				4	5	NA	Turned off due to COVID Park closed at dusk
Electrical or lighting				4	5	NA	
Standing water, clogged drains				(4)	(5)	NA	
Sink holes, erosion				(4)	(5)	NA	
Kudzu, unwanted vegetation				(4)	(5)	NA	
Illegal dumping, urban camping				(4)	(5)	NA	
Fire ants, other insects				(4)	(5)	NA	
Shrubs, plants, flowers				4	5	NA	None in the Park Latch could use adjusting
Gates, bollards				(4)	5	NA	
Signage				(4)	(5)	NA	
Memorial Plaque				4	5	NA	None in Park

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

2 playground items need repaired or replaced. Blue dinosaur bouncer not attached to spring and item to the right seems to be missing cover or just not working. See photos
I gave it a 4 because the rest of the equipment was in good condition.

Inspector Signature: Barbara E. Telford Date: 3/23/21 Phone: 850-499-2643



Parks & Recreation Department

4200 Indian Bayou Trail | Destin, FL 32541 | Phone: 850-650-1241 | Fax: 850-650-0724 | www.cityofdestin.com

Park Inspection

Park Name/Selection: Community Center

Date Inspected: 4/13/2021

Inspector name: Barbara Telford

ITEM	CONDITION OBSERVED						DESCRIBE ACTION NEEDED Use back of this form for additional comments.
	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Litter, trash					(5)	NA	
Garbage cans					(5)	NA	
Turf					(5)	NA	
Limbs down, tree issues					(5)	NA	
Graffiti, vandalism observed.					(5)	NA	
Parking areas					(5)	NA	
Sidewalks, boardwalks, pathways				(4)	5	NA	
Park buildings, shelters, other structures			(3)	4	5	NA	*Water damage from roof & windows
Fences, backstops, goals					(5)	NA	
Playground conditions					(5)	NA	
Benches, bleachers, tables					(5)	NA	
Drinking fountains					5	(NA)	
Electrical or lighting					(5)	NA	
Standing water, clogged drains				(4)	5	NA	** Had a little standing water in parking lot
Sink holes, erosion					(5)	NA	
Kudzu, unwanted vegetation					5	(NA)	
Illegal dumping, urban camping					(5)	NA	
Fire ants, other insects					(5)	NA	
Shrubs, plants, flowers					(5)	NA	
Gates, bollards					5	(NA)	
Signage					(5)	NA	
					5	NA	

60 minutes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

* Water damage is a known issue and is being dealt with by Public Services as best as they can. Stage is being repaired.

** we just had a heavy rain storm a day or so ago and it will drain off

Inspector Signature: Barbara E. Self Date: 4/13 Phone: 850-499-2643



Parks & Recreation Department

4200 Indian Bayou Trail | Destin, FL 32541 | Phone: 850-650-1241 | Fax: 850-650-0724 | www.cityofdestin.com

Park Inspection

Park Name/Selection: Children's Park

Date Inspected: 3/23/21

Inspector name: Barbara Telford

ITEM	CONDITION OBSERVED						DESCRIBE ACTION NEEDED Use back of this form for additional comments.
	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Litter, trash				(4)		NA	Just a few plastic cups on ground
Garbage cans				(5)		NA	
Turf		(X)	2	3	(4)	(5) NA	
Limbs down, tree issues				(4)	(5)	NA	
Graffiti, vandalism observed.				(4)	(5)	NA	
Parking areas				(4)	(5)	NA	
Sidewalks, boardwalks, pathways				(4)	(5)	NA	
Park buildings, shelters, other structures				(4)	(5)	NA	
Fences, backstops, goals			(3)	4	5	NA	Rip in mesh covering fence hooked at top of fence See note at bottom
Playground conditions				(4)	5	NA	
Benches, bleachers, tables				(4)	(5)	NA	
Drinking fountains				4	5	NA	Turned off due to COVID Park closed at dusk
Electrical or lighting				4	5	NA	
Standing water, clogged drains				(4)	(5)	NA	
Sink holes, erosion				(4)	(5)	NA	
Kudzu, unwanted vegetation				(4)	(5)	NA	
Illegal dumping, urban camping				(4)	(5)	NA	
Fire ants, other insects				(4)	(5)	NA	
Shrubs, plants, flowers				4	5	NA	None in the Park Latch could use adjusting
Gates, bollards				(4)	5	NA	
Signage				(4)	(5)	NA	
Memorial Plaque				4	5	NA	None in Park

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

2 playground items need repaired or replaced. Blue dinosaur bouncer not attached to spring and item to the right seems to be missing cover or just not working. See photos
I gave it a 4 because the rest of the equipment was in good condition.

Inspector Signature: Barbara E. Telford Date: 3/23/21 Phone: 850-499-2643