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**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2345 Providence Boulevard, Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by the Vice Chair, Janet Deyette.

2. ROLL CALL:

Chair	Patty Srebernak	Excused
Vice Chair	Janet Deyette	Present
Board Member	Susan Armon	Present
Board Member	Constantino "Gus" Chinchay	Absent
Board Member	Julio DeLeon	Present
Board Member	Bernice Ludvick	Present
Board Member	James W. Ruth	Present

Also present: Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Mark Manning; and Marlene Brown, Board Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes:

1. Meeting – February 13, 2012

Motion by Bernice Ludvick, seconded by Susan Armon to adopt the minutes of the Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of February 13, 2012 as written.

Motion carried with members voting as follows: Janet Deyette, For; Susan Armon, For; Julio DeLeon, For; Bernice Ludvick, For and James Ruth, For.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The members were given copies of the following flyers: City of Deltona Regional Job Fair, Wags and Whiskers Pet Festival, Lake Clean-up Day on March 24th, Spruce Up 2012, Eggstravaganza 2012, 1st Annual Shred-It Deltona, Energy Wise seminars and Deltona Spring Fest.

Mr. Manning advised that there was going to be a Concert in the Amphitheater on April 14th featuring AP60 and that the Latin Festival was on April 29th.

1 **5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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3 There were no members from the public present for this meeting.
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5 **6. OLD BUSINESS:**

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7 **A. Park Signage:**

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9 The pages given to the members were numbered 1 thru 46 so references made to the signs were
10 indicating the page number, some of which contained more than one picture taken at the park.
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12 Mrs. Armon said she had reviewed the sign photos and had some comments. She said the signs
13 should list the code of ordinance. Mr. Ruth said we should put everything in one city ordinance
14 number and state that “all rules are enforced”. Mrs. Armon said we should put that simple statement
15 on all park signs and place it in several places throughout our parks. Mr. Ruth said without the
16 ordinance we cannot enforce the rules. They both agreed that No. 4, the blue sign placed in some our
17 parks, was a great design, very uniform, just missing the sentence “all rules under City Code #____
18 are enforced”.

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20 Mrs. Armon said No. 1, the marquis, was a good sign. She added that we should have more of those
21 signs throughout the city, telling the residents what is going on inside our parks. She indicated that
22 communication is a big problem. Mr. Manning explained that there are only two (2) signs like those
23 in the City, the one at Dewey Boster and the other one at Wes Crile Park, which was actually installed
24 inside the park.
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26 Mrs. Armon continued that she had no problem with No. 2, would like to see the wording changed on
27 the middle sign on page #5, which said no alcoholic beverages allowed in the park. No. 6, “Park
28 Rules”, should be more uniform and placed in locations where they would be more visible. She
29 stated that the wording should be tweaked. She asked about the sign that said “no golfing” but
30 indicated that we were advertising “Little Linksters”. Mr. Manning explained that Little Linksters is
31 not real golf. Mrs. Armon continued that if we list the code then the whole set of rules does not need
32 to be there and added that the park rules sign should be a stand-alone sign.
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34 These signs were discussed with the previous board so some of the issues raised were no longer
35 relevant as they had been corrected. Copies of those minutes were also given to the board members.
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37 Nos. 9 and 10 did not require any change. No. 11 (overflow parking) was confusing to the members
38 so Mr. Manning explained that the grassy area at Dewey was for overflow parking when events were
39 held at that park. No. 12, which was a warning sign, had flowers on it. The members felt that if kids
40 looked at a sign with flowers they would think it was good so the members felt that the flowers
41 should be removed from the signs.
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43 The members were confused with No. 13 which had a “No Parking” sign as well as “No parking on
44 grass” sign. Mr. Manning explained that those signs were on the soccer fields and said that when
45 there were events there, people would ride on the grass.
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47 No. 14 was a sign prohibiting sex offenders at our facilities. The members felt that the signs should

1 not be in the City's teal color but should be in a different color as it is a warning sign and so should be
2 less friendly looking. They also wanted the City logo removed from the sign. Mr. Manning said he
3 was not sure the city logo could be removed from the sign but he would check. Instead of the word
4 "ATTENTION" in white the members felt that the word "WARNING" should be used and should be
5 in red letters. The whole sign should be white with red letters. The same thing applies to No. 27.

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7 There were no problems with Nos. 15, 16, 17, 20 and 21.

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9 Mr. Ruth wanted to know if the City had the right to ask Deltona Little League to fix up their signs
10 posted on the fence by the ball areas. Mr. Manning responded yes, if the signs belong to them. He
11 said if the signs belong to the City then it would be the City's responsibility to maintain those signs.

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13 On No. 19 the members liked the universal "No Parking" sign (the circle with the P crossed in red) as
14 they felt if someone did not speak English they would still understand what the sign meant. Again,
15 they wanted the flowers removed from the signs.

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17 No. 22 was a welcome sign placed at the play area by the company who installed the sign with
18 instructions of the age limit allowed and wording which said "adult supervision recommended". The
19 members questioned why adult supervision was not listed as a requirement for children using the
20 playground. Mr. Manning said we could not mandate that there has to be adult supervision. No. 23
21 indicating a list of no's should not have flowers. They felt that No. 26 should be bolder, more visible.
22 Mr. Manning explained that the sign stays the way it is as it identifies the pole to Musco Lighting if
23 there is a lighting problem. No 33, a sign also installed by the playground company, had a stronger
24 statement indicating "do not use this play area without adult supervision".

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26 Mr. Ruth felt that the two signs on No. 28, (speed limit 10 and pets should be leashed) will not be
27 noticed by the public when they are driving past it. No. 29, the handicap parking sign, needs to have
28 the \$250.00 fine displayed. Mr. Ruth also indicated that we need to check to see if it was installed
29 84" above the ground. He was not sure if the measurement was 84" so Parks and Recreation need to
30 verify the correct height and then make sure the height requirement is met. No. 36 was a good
31 example of a proper sign as it had the \$250.00 fine and again he said we needed to check to make
32 sure that the height was correct.

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34 No. 30 has the park rules at the entrance to the baseball area and it says the park closes at sunset;
35 however, baseball game is still going on past sunset. Mr. Manning explained that Dewey Boster,
36 Dupont Lakes, Vann Park and Wes Crile Park are the only parks open after dark. The members also
37 felt that Parks and Recreation's phone number should be at the bottom of all our signs. Some signs
38 showed dispatch number only and that was for emergency. No. 32 which showed the Parks
39 Department phone number, 911 and dispatch number should be placed at strategic points throughout
40 all our parks.

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42 There was no problem with No. 35 for the retention area. No. 38 was the league signs. No. 39 which
43 indicated "wheelchair area only" had to stay as Mr. Manning said it had been a cause of complaint in
44 the past. The members said that No. 40, another league sign, needed to be repaired or it should be
45 removed. No. 41 had signs that belonged to the league so they stayed as it was their wall of fame
46 signs.

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1 Mr. Ruth indicated that No. 42, which had an array of signs advertising different companies, had been
2 discussed by the previous board and said all the signs should be uniform. He cautioned that we
3 needed to be careful of who the sponsors are since they are advertising on city property. Mr.
4 Manning said the signs are used for Youth Baseball and Little League. He said the city would have
5 to address the banners through their Facility Use Agreement with the City. He added that the size of
6 the banner was based on the level of sponsorship, for example, gold, silver, bronze. He said the gold
7 was the biggest banner and the bronze was the smallest one. Mrs. Armon and Mr. Ruth said that the
8 leagues should go through us for proper maintenance and upkeep. Mr. Ruth asked Mr. Manning if
9 the Little League is a non-profit organization. Mr. Manning responded that it was not so Mr. Ruth
10 wanted to know why we advertised for them. Mr. Manning responded that the City had a split with
11 them.

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13 Mr. Ruth brought up the subject of the parks putting up memorials for deceased individuals and Mr.
14 Manning explained that it was done on a case by case basis. Mr. Ruth said that soon the parks will be
15 over-run with memorials and some of these people are from out of town.

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17 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

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19 None.

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21 **8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

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23 Mr. Manning advised the members that we are started construction of the gazebo at Thornby Park
24 and that it should be finished within the next couple of weeks if the weather is good. He invited them
25 to the Pet Fest on Saturday and advised that Mr. Moore was now out of rehab. He also reviewed some
26 of the changes discussed for the park signage including changing the colors, removing the flowers
27 and making the signs more user friendly.

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29 **9. MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

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31 a. Mr. Ruth wanted to know what will happen to the signage that they have discussed. Mrs.
32 Brown responded that Mr. Moore had previously stated that this was assigned to them as a
33 project by the City Commission and he would take their findings back to them for
34 approval.
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36 b. Mrs. Ludvick said the meeting was constructive.

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38 The other members agreed.

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40 **10. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

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42 The next meeting date is Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

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44 **11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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46 **Motion by James Ruth, seconded by Bernice Ludvick to adjourn.**

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1 **Motion carried with members voting as follows: Janet Deyette, For; Susan Armon, For;**
2 **Julio DeLeon, For; Bernice Ludvick, For and James Ruth, For.**

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4 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Janet Deyette, Vice Chair

10 **ATTEST:**

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Mark Manning, Assistant Director
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