

Parks, Recreation and Fair Board Minutes

Thursday, October, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm with the following Park Board members in attendance:

Board Members Present: Chris Allen, Greg Francioch, Jose Riefkohl, John Semrau, Tim Manns and Kevin Loy

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams

A motion was made to approve the May minutes and August Agenda. The motion to approve the minutes and agenda was approved and passed unanimously.

Board Discussion:

Renaming Big Rock Park

The Board endorses combining the native name “Yudwasta” with the traditional name “Big Rock” in a hybrid naming approach.

John recommends Big Rock – Yudwasta. Big Rock should be first for the original naming of the Park and to continue to support the existing business names and map references.

At a future meeting, the Board will revisit policies related to renaming and naming, including considerations for newly acquired parks.

The renaming process will comply with established procedures and align with the resolution set forth by the Board of County Commissioners.

Honor Bench Program and Expectations:

Honor Bench Program: Guidelines and Expectations

The Parks Advisory Board emphasizes the importance of setting clear expectations for the Honor Bench Program, ensuring participants understand that the bench dedication is not in perpetuity. The program's duration will align with the anticipated lifespan of the bench.

A formal resolution, signed by the Board, will outline the program's terms so customers fully understand their purchase. The Parks Department aims to honor individuals with a meaningful gesture—a bench—without equating it to permanent memorialization akin to a plot of land.

This approach reflects the department's role in providing community amenities rather than acting as a caretaker for permanent memorials.

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