

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
Administrative Complex Board Meeting Room

The March meeting of the Santa Rosa County Parks and Recreation Committee was held at the Administrative Complex beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. The following members were present representing the sports associations and host organizations: Larry Dixon, Navarre Youth Sports Association, Navarre Sports Complex/Navarre Football-Soccer Park/Holley Ball Field; Charles Baxley, Pace Athletic and Recreation Association, Pace Athletic and Recreational Park/Santa Rosa SportsPlex; Shane Player, Tiger Point Recreational Park; and Charles Hoard, East Milton Recreational Park.

Absent were representatives from Futbol Club of Santa Rosa, Inc., Chumuckla Community Center and Park, Fidelis Community Center and Park, Benny Russell Park, and Swenson Park.

Also present were the Administrative Services/Parks Operations Manager, Tammy Simmons, and County Attorney, Tom Dannheisser.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Administrative Services Manager welcomed all.

Committee members introduced their selves and what park they represented.

Minutes from the April 25, 2007 meeting were approved without objection as written.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear appeals from volunteers concerning background screening.

George Ross Williamson, PARA, Williamson stated his case, Dixon moved approval to accept Mr. Williamson as a volunteer, Player seconded the motion, motion approved without objection for Williamson to volunteer.

Mary Katherine Hall, Tiger Point, Hall stated her case, Baxley moved approval to accept Ms. Hall as a volunteer, Dixon seconded the motion, motion approved without objection for Hall to volunteer.

Thomas Motley Hubbard, Tiger Point, Hubbard read a written statement concerning his case (statement in file), Player requested Dannheisser explain offenses, Dannheisser explains, Player recommended approval to accept Mr. Hubbard as a volunteer with the stipulation he will be placed in a probationary period for one year as an assistant coach, Hoard moved the motion as stated by Player; Baxley seconded the motion, motion approved without objection for Hubbard to volunteer according to stipulation.

Steve Dewayne Birchett, PARA, Birchett stated his case, Baxley moved approval to accept Mr. Birchett as a volunteer, Player seconded the motion, motion approved without objection for Birchett to volunteer.

Stephen Scott LaCoste, PARA, LaCoste submitted five character statements (in file) and stated his case; Dannheisser questioned when the final hearing is scheduled? LaCoste responded end of April. Dannheisser recommended this appeal be tabled until resolution in court, Baxley moved the motion as stated by Dannheisser; Dixon seconded the motion, motion approved without objection for LaCoste appeal to be tabled until resolution in court of pending case.

o Steve Fisher stated that this case has put him in a unique situation with PARA; he opposes Mr. LaCoste as a volunteer.

o Brian Kembro spoke on behalf of Mr. LaCoste

Keith Michael Kirzharr, PARA, Kirzharr was not present, Baxley spoke on behalf of Mr. Kirzharr, Baxley moved approval to accept Mr. Kirzharr as a volunteer, Dixon seconded the motion, motion approved without objection for Kirzharr to volunteer.

Dixon requested permission to put up signs in the parks stating "No skateboarding". Dannheisser stated that he could put up signs and that he would start the process for an amendment to the ordinance to disallow skateboarding.

Simmons stated the next regular scheduled meeting is April 23, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.