

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 5:30 p.m.  
Administrative Complex Board Meeting Room

The July meeting of the Santa Rosa County Parks and Recreation Committee was held at the Administrative Complex beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. The following members were present representing the sports associations and host organizations: Steven Thames, East Milton Recreational Park; Scott Martin, Futbol Club of Santa Rosa, Inc., and Larry Dixon, Navarre Sports Complex/Navarre Soccer Complex/Holley Ball Field.

Absent were representatives from Pace Athletic and Recreational Park/Santa Rosa Sportsplex, Fidelis Community Center and Park, Benny Russell Park, Swenson Park, Tiger Point Recreational Park, Chumuckla Community Center and Park and Pace Area Tennis Association.

Present also were the Special Projects/Grants Coordinator, Sheila Harris; Grants Manager; Erica Grancagnolo, and Administrative Services Manager; Tammy Simmons. A copy of the sign-in sheet is attached for reference.

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

Minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved without objection as written.

The committee heard appeals from the following volunteers concerning their background screening.

- Christopher Yates, Tiger Point Sports Association, stated his case. Dixon moved approval to accept Mr. Yates as a volunteer, Thames seconded the motion; motion approved without objection.
- Jeff Dale Diguilio, Pace Athletic & Recreation Association, stated his case. Dixon moved approval to accept Mr. Diguilio as a volunteer, Thames seconded the motion; motion approved without objection.

Sheila Harris presented the attendees with a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed 2016/2017 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Application for improvements at the Floridatown Park. A copy of the presentation is included for reference.

2016/2017 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant Application

FRDAP Information

- State competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local governments to develop and/or acquire land for public outdoor recreational purposes.
  - Projects must be for the sole purpose of providing recreational opportunities to the public
- Maximum grant request is \$200,000
- Applications must involve only one project site except for acquisition or development of sandy beach access
- Matching requirements
  - \$50,000 or less 100% funded
  - \$50,001-150,000, 75% funded, 25% match
  - \$150,000 – 200,000, 50% match
- More than half of project request must represent “primary recreation facilities” defined as any facility which could stand alone and provide outdoor recreation without a support facility. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Beach access
  - Trailhead and trailside facilities
  - Fishing piers, boardwalks
  - Boat ramps and docks
  - Canoe, hiking, nature and bike trails
  - Observation towers
  - Ball fields
  - Tennis and basketball courts
  - Playgrounds
  - Skate facilities
- Support facilities mean a facility which could not stand alone, or which would have little or no public outdoor recreational value without the primary facility. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Parking lots
  - Restrooms
  - Bathhouses
  - Combined restroom-concession stand buildings
  - Access roads
  - Walkways
  - Landscaping
  - Security lighting
  - Fencing
  - Interpretive signage

## **Floridatown Park**

Located at 3900 Floridatown Road, Milton, Florida

### Floridatown Park – Existing Facilities

- 3 pavilions
- 1 covered gazebo/picnic area

- Playground/play areas
- Pier/boat launch
- Bathrooms

Site Pictures  
(In file)

Floridatown Park Proposed Improvements

- Renovation of bathroom facility
- Installation of half basketball court
- Renovation of existing Pier
- Walking Trail along perimeter of park
- Landscaping

Floridatown Park – Project Costs

• Renovation of bathroom facility	\$ 22,000
• Installation of half basketball court	\$ 9,350
• Renovation of existing Pier	\$ 5,000
• Walking Trail along perimeter of park	\$ 12,650
• Landscaping	\$ 1,000
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EST</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>

(Tentative figures as of 07/22/2015)

Project Funding

<b>TOTAL PROJECT EST</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
• FRDAP Funds Requested	\$ 50,000
• Local Match (Dist 1 Rec)	\$ 0
○ No match is required for small projects - \$50,000 or less	

Public Input

- Parks Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Wednesday, July 22 – 5:30 pm
- Community Meeting
  - The Santa Rosa County Creek Indian Tribe  
Monday, July 27 – 6:30 pm
- Pre-advertised public meeting
  - Monday, August 10 – 9:30 am

Grant Information

- FRDAP program has funded only small projects (<\$50,000) in the last few funding cycles

- Projects will be scored and ranked in late 2015
- The Legislature will consider priority list and recommend funding levels in early 2016 (legislative session starts in January)
- Grant awards (if funded) will be made on or after summer 2016

#### Public Input Session

No comments on the FRDAP Grant from the Committee.

Dixon questioned if the county is going to fund the background screening expenses in the upcoming budget (2015/2016). Simmons' responded she will ask Administration and get the committee an answer.

Thames questioned if electronic cigarettes are prohibited under the "smoking of Tobacco" ordinance? Dixon stated they have the same question. Both organizations indicated they have both had issues related to electronic cigarettes. Simmons' responded she will ask Administration and get the Committee an answer.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on August 26, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.