

City of Groveland
Special Meeting Minutes
Recreation Advisory Committee

The Recreation Advisory Committee met at Lake David Center on March 29, 2016. Chairman George Rosario called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Vice Chairperson Kerina Jones, committee members Briggett Brannon, Margie Jones, David Badillo, Edmund Meyer, Ashley Cain, Staff Liaison Steve Guba and Sergeant at Arms Stephanie Crews. Absent: William Szemcsak and Demetrius Isom who entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

1. Discussion RE: Presentations given regarding usage of Sampey Property for Sports Complex.

Discussion included the property that is currently zoned as industrial property, the area surroundings which are businesses, residential and smell, the loan on the property, the time the property has been sitting being over 5 or 8 years and having an appraisal of the property to determine value.

Public Comments Included:

Council Member Radzik shared with the RAC on the cost of the land including upgrades, money going back to the water department, the market value of the land and the tax base as industrial as well as the visual and the smell in the area.

Mr. Wilson shared information about the EPA testing and that the actual name is Groveland Commerce Park with land being plotted, interest lost after the recession and competition with Hunts and Ford Commerce Center.

Motion made Chairman George Rosario to recommend to CRA to approve the use of Sampey land for Rec Sports Complex, Seconded by Kerina Jones.

Motion amended to recommend to CRA to approve the use of Sampey land for Rec Sports Complex with the reason it's been sitting for many years with no purpose.

Members voting aye: Chairman George Rosario, Vice-Chair Kerina Jones, Briggett Brannon, Edmund Meyer and Ashley Cain.

Members voting nay: Margie Jones and David Badillo.

2. Presentation: Proposal for Wakeboard Cable Ski Facility by Blue Wake, LLC.

Presentation given by Jeffrey and Karine Emmett, the information presented included wakeboard proposal at Lake David, draft layout, cable system, other locations that have wakeboard cabling, local employment, environmental and wildlife, recreation and fitness.

Questions and discussion included prices, the needs from the city as well as the support from the city and council before presenting to DEP. Construction time and cost, if a beach area would be needed, operating hours both daily and seasonal, focus with it being family oriented and potential tournaments or exhibition such as 4th of July celebration.

Public Comments Included:

The noise disturbance and activity affecting the residence living around the lake.

Motion made by David Badillo to bring Wakeboard Cable Ski Facility to city council for review and consideration, seconded by Demetrius Isom with all members voting aye.

Public Comments

Public comments were taken concerning the confusion with agenda #1; it was the understanding of several people that the discussion would be about the two soccer groups . Other comments included using Robert A. Davis Park as the preferred option for Clermont Soccer and the park being used as a kid's park and the past presentations of it being a ball park and potential traffic issues.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.