



Parks and Rec Advisory Board Interim Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2016 Held at 6:00 P.M.
Big Pine Park Community Center

Minutes recorded by Chris Rivera and Ray Sanders of Monroe County Project Management
Meeting began at 6:00 P.M.

Board Members in attendance:

Steve Miller
Margie Smith
Jim Bolini
Bob Mock

Board members not present:

Replacement for Heather Smith

Media present:

None

Monroe County was represented by:

Chris Rivera

Meeting Minutes:

Discussion of Big Pine Bocce Courts:

Chris Rivera started the meeting by saying what the county wanted to do and what were the minimum requirements that the County could not do without. Minimum requirements would be the bocce courts would be concrete bordered.

Moved on to the lay out and site plan. Had public give feedback on the lay out of the courts and how the county wanted to have them elevated to accommodate the drainage system that would be under the courts and public was very receptive and agreed to the possibility of elevation.

Discussion of how many courts came up and County was asked why five (5) courts as to the four (4) they have now. Chris Rivera responded saying that the County was looking at the league expanding with the new courts. Public agreed that that might be the best course of action.

The location of the courts was mentioned as possible site one (1) being located next to the existing courts and site two (2) being the location of existing courts. A list of good and bad was made for both areas.

Site 1:

Good
No interruption of
Seasons
Further from path
Future possibility of
Shade structure(s)

Bad
Possible light issues

Site 2:

Good
Lighting
Bad
Season interruption
Too close to path

Steve Miller said is everyone is ready to make a decision? By show of hands who want courts on site one (1). All public present raised their hand. Anyone for site two (2)? No one raised their hand. Should the courts be built to the same size as the Key West Courts? The public unanimously voted yes.

Jim Bolini made a motion to move forward with five courts 12' wide and 64' long with 3' in between courts.

Margie Smith seconded the motion.

Steve Miller said all in favor. Bob Mock agreed.

The public mentioned that if the county was building these courts then it stands that the County will maintain the courts and that they should provide the rakes and the drag rugs to keep court in pristine condition.

Discussion about the lighting situation was brought up. Public wanted to know was it possible for a public entity to raise money to put lights in? Chris Rivera said there were ways for the public to raise money and donate it to the County to be used for improvements to an area of their choice.