

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUGAR SAND PARK - 300 SOUTH MILITARY TRAIL, BOCA RATON**  
**April 2, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.**

The MEETING was called to order by CHAIRMAN Robert K. Rollins, Jr. at approximately 5:15 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Craig F. Ehrnst  
Steven M. Engel  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.  
Susan Vogelgesang  
Erin A. Wright

**ROLL CALL:**

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** Item #1. Florida League of Cities Pension Presentation -Rodney Walton was removed from the agenda.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

Greg Galanis stated that the Boca Golf Association has been approached by the golf course architects asking for input and guidance for Boca National Golf Club and asked if it would be ok to speak with them. He also inquired when the questions for the architects were due and what the process for sending the questions will be.

Robert Dukate understood that the questions for the golf course architects would be sent ahead of time to the presenters to help the process along. He announced that the representatives of Keep Golf in Boca will be contacting the five architect finalists to communicate their wishes.

Lenore Wachtel would like the Commission to consider making the Carousel ride at Sugar Sand Park free of charge to help out the families with several children. She would also like the Commission to hire additional lawyers to consult on contracts to help prevent unnecessary expense in the future.

Neal Haynie is concerned that Boca National Golf Club is missing an incredible opportunity to make a profit from all of the traffic exposure it has on a daily basis. He also believes that Boca National should be a sustainable, destination resort.

Michelle Laliberte expressed her concerns with the Nadal Group's interest in utilizing Patch Reef Park for his academy. She urged the commission to keep Boca a "City within a Park".

George Akins is in favor of the Nadal training facility coming to Boca Raton. It will be a revenue producer and add prestige to the City of Boca Raton.

Charles Luciano expressed his concern as to why the communities surrounding Patch Reef Park have not been notified about the possible Nadal project and what the process would be for informing the neighborhoods of such large scaled projects.

Jackie Harper was concerned if the Patch Reef Park staff was asked their opinion regarding the Nadal group or the effects it would have on the park itself. She wanted assurance that the park would remain looking like a park, that the residents court times would not be affected, and that the current employees would be able to maintain the same status with their jobs.

*Discussion ensued.*

Douglas Mathiseon is not in favor of Nadal coming to Patch Reef Park. Stating “for us to divest our control over the Patch Reef Park facility is a shocking concept.”

Al Zucaro was intrigued that the Nadal proposal has advanced this far. Stating that there has been a considerable amount of public resentment, reaction and push back for use of our parklands for anything but parks and the residents of Boca do not want any commercialization of its parklands.

*Discussion ensued.*

Tom Thayer encouraged the Commission to spend taxpayer’s money wisely when redefining the job descriptions of the staff at the District. He extended an invitation for all to attend the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowners Association meeting on April 3, 2018 at the Community Center at 8:30 a.m.

Gordon Thompson expressed his concerned about the size of the facility the Nadal group is proposing but he is keeping an open mind as to what this proposal could bring. Mr. Thompson requested that the plans be publicly available and would like to see a dedicated website for the public to access.

Bobbie Miller does not understand why Mr. Nadal cannot purchase his own property for this project. Ms. Miller likes the open spaces and wants to keep them for our citizens.

Brian Stenberg reminded the Board that he does not want to have a school in the park. He suggested Mr. Nadal purchase in midtown or in a different area of Boca. He prefers leaving the parks for recreational purposes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:**

<p><b><u>MOTION</u></b> was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 5, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.</p>
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**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 19, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

2. Presentation by Mr. Shannon Easter of Broken Sound-  
Mr. Easter presented the Board with various ideas on sustainability for Boca National Golf Course.  
*Discussion ensued.*
3. Update on Nadal Tennis Facility-  
Preliminary drawings prepared by the Nadal group were recently furnished to the District and presented at the meeting.  
*Discussion ensued.*
4. Termination of Pro Links Consulting Agreement-

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Engel to terminate the Consulting Agreement with Pro Links Consulting, LLP.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Mr. Koski requested permission to prepare a new RFP for assistance through the design, marketing and construction process of Boca National Golf Club. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

5. Additional Work for Calvin-Giordano for Patch Reef Park-

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to have a Topographical Survey performed on Patch Reef Park.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

*Discussion ensued regarding the lining of the artificial fields at Patch Reef Park.*

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the invoices as presented in the amount of \$44,137.25

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Executive Director  
District Council  
Commissioners

Commissioner Vogelgesang asked Mr. Fichera for an update on the Swim and Racquet Center. Mr. Fichera stated that they are getting ready to set the floors on the second floor of the building. He believes the building should be ready for occupancy sometime in August.

Commissioner Engel would like the community to know that the District will be transparent and will accommodate community involvement with the Nadal project.

Commissioner Ehrnst offered praise to Patch Reef Park for their involvement in the wheel chair tennis league program and all they do for the community. Commissioner Ehrnst would like to have ADA access at the Boca National Golf Course.

Commissioner Rollins stated that the District takes public comments and concerns very seriously. He always welcomes public input.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Proposal for Employee Benefits  
Executive Director Job Description/RFP

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**



Robert K. Rollins, Jr.

Chairman



Craig F. Ehrnst

Secretary-Treasurer