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Suzanne Wynn
Bill Burger

Meeting minutes

June 3rd, 2020, 1:30pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 986 7598 2307

<https://zoom.us/j/98675982307>

1. Call to order *By Chair Irena Melvin 1:33pm*
2. Approval of Agenda *Bill Burger made motion for agenda approval ,
Tim Strauser 2nd*
3. Approval of the Minutes from March 4th, 2020 *Tim Strauser made
motion, Bill Burger 2nd.*
4. Old Business
 - a. Camp McConnell *Jason Maurer said that the board has approved
\$2.7M. to get common areas up to par for the Summer. Burger asked if
the partners will be the animal rescue people, Maurer said still under
discussion. He said that the 1st thing needed is to finish checking the
condition and see if things like asbestos are present so they can tell the
partner what is present and they know what to expect. It will not open
this summer. Morris had nothing to add. Peebles said that she has
suggested the budget office to begin getting it ready this fiscal year and
not wait till next one.*
 - b. Recreation Master Plan-facilities inventory *has been put on hold
due to UF being closed. Morris met with UF professor, they have lots of
files that need to be put in order. Burger, is this an inventory? Is this
what will be paid by the Wild Space money? John said that \$20k will be
paid by Wild spaces to get this inventory done. Maurer wants to use this
information to organize all the items so we can reserve pavilions, etc.
Inventory will also help us keep items under a maintenance log.*
 - c. Projects updates *Melvin, thanked for the updates. Maurer said that
Poe was given a FEMA extension to fix it. Project will begin after Labor
Day and continue until January. Melvin asked about citizen who needed*



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concrete poured for Disk Golf, Maurer said they are working on it now. Maurer also mentioned people asking for rink at Memorial park to be used for a pickle ball court. Strauser asked if Poe is the only park that charges a fee. Maurer said yes, He said that Marion County charges people for using their boat ramps. Strauser asked if we can charge for ramps use. Maurer replied saying that we need to see where funding for ramps came from. Morris said that BoCC instituted the parking fee for Poe. Melvin asked if the project for Poe covers both boardwalk and canoe ramp. Morris said just the ramp, which received damage during hurricane Irma. They are separate.

5. New Business

a. General overview and update on current return to work plans due to Covid19 and how it is impacting parks. *Maurer said that Poe and Hopkins still closed. Trying to get Poe to open soon. He would need 2 staff members to educate people. Playgrounds are still closed. Pavilions ok to use but people should make sure they do not intermix groups. Fields open for baseball, soccer, etc.*

6. Next Meeting date August 5th, 2020

7. Public Comment *none*

8. Adjourn 2:04pm