

# Tri-Par Estates Park and Recreation District

## Minutes

### Special Meeting Board of Trustees

April 30, 2020

**TIME:** ..... 10:00 AM  
**CALL TO ORDER:** ..... Chairman Koenig  
**INVOCATION:** ..... Michael Neff  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** ..... All  
**ROLL CALL:**.....Carol Bryant  
**PRESENT:** ..... Chairman Koenig, Ron Houchin, Toni Borman, Birdie Bollenbacher,  
Michael Neff, Daryle vonHoldt, Cynthia Little-Koenig,  
**ABSENT:** .....Laurie Legler, Dan Via  
**ALSO PRESENT:** .....Lee Morris, Park Manager; Carol Bryant, Meeting Recorder

**OPENING COMMENTS** - Chairman Koenig noted the meeting is broadcast on Channel 195 and reviewed the Zoom call-in information.

#### 1. **DISCUSS REOPENING TRI-PAR ESTATES FACILITIES BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA and COUNTY OF SARASOTA**

- Chairman Koenig recognized Park Manager Lee Morris for comments.
- Lee Morris noted Governor DeSantis’s recommendations for a phased in approach to re-opening facilities. A framework and plan to reopen Tri-Par facilities was attached and reviewed. The detailed recommendations are in a written document that is available on our webpage: [www.triparpark.org](http://www.triparpark.org), the community TV channel and posted on the bulletin board outside the Tri-Par Park Office.
- **Trustee Houchin made a motion** to adopt the recommended framework and plan to reopen Tri-Par facilities.
- **Trustee Neff seconded the motion.**
- **PUBLIC INPUT:**
  - Richard Dube – 1810 Palm Springs Street – Noted that lengthening the hours at the pool could provide the opportunity for less congregation of numbers of people at the pool. Mr. Dube questioned why music will not be allowed to be played at the pool. Lee Morris responded that the pool is being opened at this time for an essential activity. Residents will use the pool to swim and because there is no lounging, after swimming they will need to leave. Music is not necessary. Chairman Koenig noted that new opening rules are not permanent and asked that all residents be patient as we move forward. We need to crawl before we walk.
- Dale Funkhouser – 5226 Tri Par Drive – Appreciates efforts during this challenging time. Voiced support for the phased approach to opening facilities.

- **BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- Trustee Bollenbacher – asked how will swimmers be limited to 20? Chairman Koenig noted we will entrust to our residents that they will adhere to this because they are the ones who will gain from this and need to limit it on their own.
- Trustee VonHoldt - noted if we cannot limit ourselves as proposed, and the new guidelines and rules are not followed, we will have to shut the pool down.
- Trustee Borman – noted concern for residents that need to use the pool for physical therapy. Questioned if it is possible to limit the time that individuals can use the pool to an hour or an hour and a half. How can we address this limitation while also understanding that individuals must police themselves?
- Richard Dube – 1810 Palm Springs Street - noted that there are six to eight areas of the pool that can accommodate 10 people at a time and keep the distancing well over six feet apart. The pool could easily hold 30 or 40 people. Noted that we are not going to get the crowds because many seasonal residents have gone home. Respects that the Board is asking residents to do this on their honor.
- Chairman Koenig – thanked the residents of Tri-Par for being patient. Let us work together, try this, and see what it brings.
- Trustee Borman – noted concern regarding there being a time constraint for individuals using the pool to accommodate everyone that wants to enjoy the pool. Chairman Koenig responded we need to see what transpires when the pool is open and address issues if needed.
- **Trustee Houchin** – Discussed phases of opening facilities. **Added to the motion on the floor** to include that the Chairman and Park Manager be able to, on their own, make the decisions when the phases should be carried out.
- **Trustee Neff** – **seconded the addition to the motion.**
- Trustee Borman – asked for a reading of the motion as re-stated.
- Recorder read the motion: Adopt the recommendations from the Park Manager for opening in a phased approach, opening Tri-Par facilities per the document (Recommended Framework and Plan to Reopen Tri-Par Facilities). Enable the Chairman of the Board and the Park Manager with the authority to adjust and move forward on decision making needed for the phases to open the facilities as needed. Trustee Houchin affirmed this reading.
- Trustee Borman asked Trustee Neff if his second stood on the motion. Trustee Neff affirmed his second to the motion.
- Chairman Koenig asked if there was any further discussion.
- Recorder noted there was one individual that called in at the beginning of the Board Discussion. That resident was recognized.
- JJ Jurdak – 1848 Innisbrook – questioned if protocol is in place for cleaning and disinfecting to ensure we are doing things safely. Appreciates self-regulating, questioned how people will be proctored if they are not following the new regulations. Appreciate transitioning to phased opening. Chairman Koenig reviewed the new cleaning protocols. For regulating the new regulations, the Chairman asked that

residents follow the rules and let us see how it goes. Park Manager Lee Morris reviewed the cleaning protocols.

- Chairman Koenig requested we move forward with the roll call vote on the motion.
- **The motion carried on a vote of five (5) yea and one (1) nay.**
  - Trustee Houchin – yea
  - Trustee Borman – nay
  - Trustee Neff – yea
  - Trustee Bollenbacher – yea
  - Trustee vonHoldt – yea
  - Trustee Little-Koenig – yea
- Chairman Koenig recognized Park Manager Lee Morris.
- Park Manager Lee Morris read a statement from Trustee Via who was unable to be in attendance. Trustee Via said he would vote to reopen the pool with limited restrictions and the library. Mr. Morris asked that be added to the record. Mr. Morris noted Trustee Legler also did not have an issue with opening the pool.
- Chairman Koenig asked for confirmation on the vote. Recorder noted that the vote was five for and one against. Trustee’s Via and Legler were not present to vote. Chairman noted the motion carried.
- Trustee VonHoldt – noted that looking at the numbers for 20 people in the pool, for one hour each, over a nine-hour period equals 180 people having access to the pool each day.
- Trustee Houchin - suggested having an additional camera at the pool. Chairman Koenig noted this suggestion will be explored.

## **2. ADJOURNMENT**

- **Trustee Neff made a motion** to adjourn the Board Meeting.
- **Trustee Bollenbacher seconded the motion.**
- The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
- The Meeting Adjourned at 10:32 AM

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 with a Board Workshop at 6:30 and Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM.

***This copy of the Minutes of the aforesaid Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tri-Par Estates has been transcribed and is awaiting adoption by the Board of Trustees at the next called meeting of the Board.***