

**RESOLUTION 2019 - 390**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET TO RECEIVE UNANTICIPATED REVENUE; AND AUTHORIZING ITS APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE BY THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR PURCHASE OF ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE FIELD OF DREAMS**

**WHEREAS**, Creeks Athletic Association (CAA) requested that St. Johns County (County) complete improvements to increase accessibility at the outfield at the Field of Dreams (Project); and

**WHEREAS**, the CAA, through a fundraising campaign, raised \$150,244.46 to donate to the County for completion of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tower Committee granted the CAA \$6,000 in additional funding to assist in completing the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, when preparing its budget for Fiscal Year 2020, did not anticipate the donation; and

**WHEREAS**, amending the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to recognize the donated funds and to appropriate such funds for completion of the Project serves a public purpose.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.
2. The Board recognizes funds donated by the CAA as unanticipated revenues in the amount of \$150,244.46. The General Fund revenue and Parks and Recreation expenditure budgets shall be adjusted to account for such funds to complete Phase I of the Project.
3. The Board authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to transfer \$6,000 from the Tower Committee funds to complete for use by the Parks and Recreation Department in completion of the Project.
4. The Board further authorizes the County Administrator to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$156,244.46 for purchase of the recreation improvements.
5. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County,  
State of Florida, this 19 day of November, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

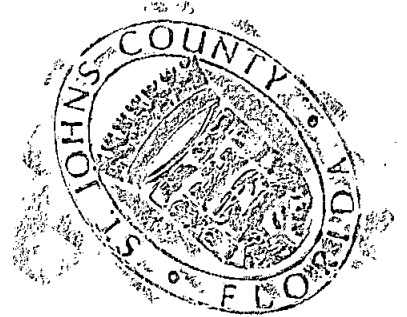
*Jeb S. Smith*  
Jeb S. Smith, Chairman

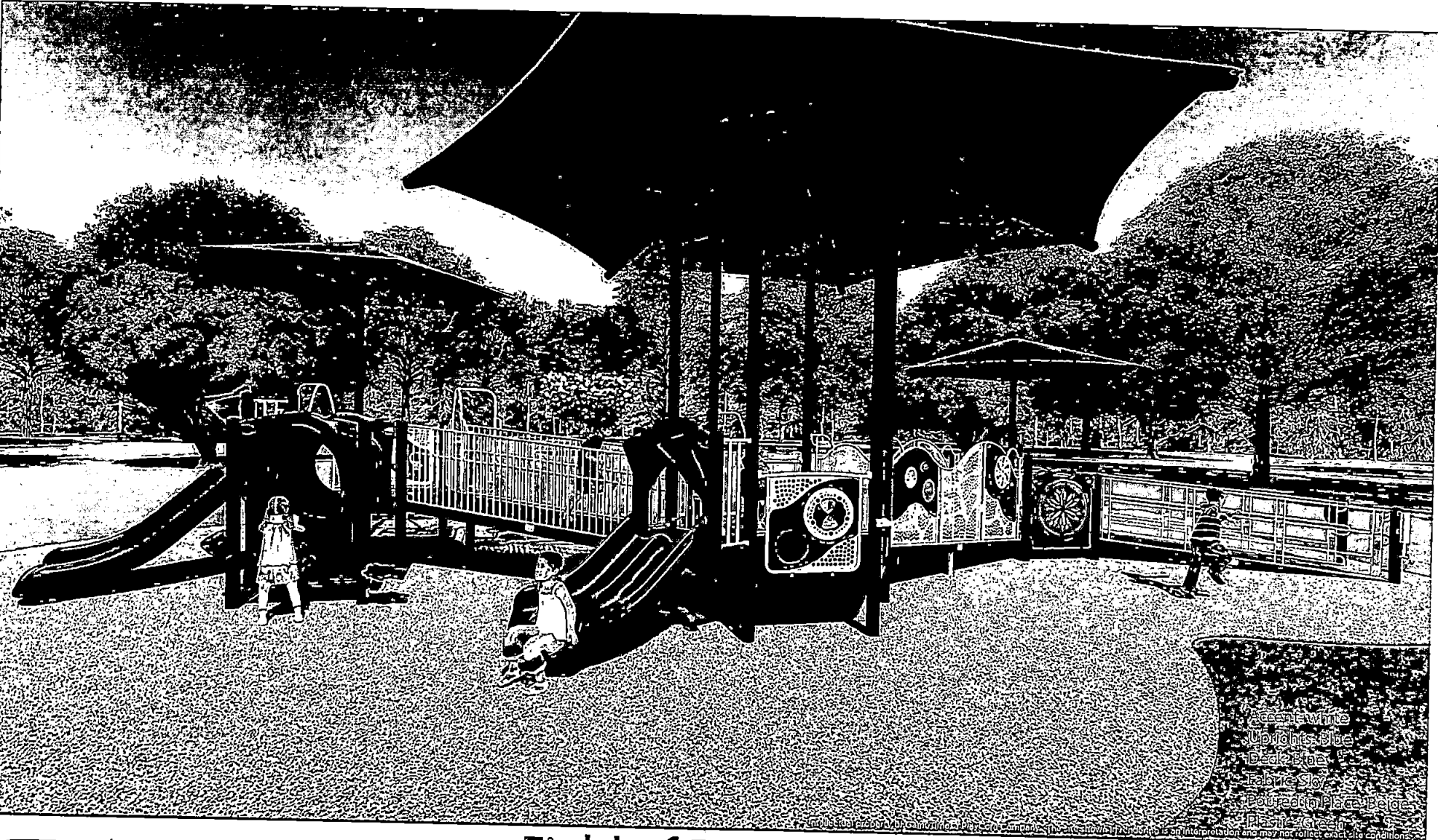
**ATTEST:** Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk of Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kim Halterman*  
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 11/21/19





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# Field of Dreams

## Phase 1

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**Monday, July 22, 2019**

**Northwest Tower Committee Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Bo "Bo" Browne  
David Levy  
Debi Lumley  
Karen Roumillat  
George Vancore

**Staff Present:**

Community Program Manager, Jamie Baccari  
Parks and Recreation Director, Doug Bataille  
Budget Analyst, Stacia Lando  
SJC Commissioner, Jimmy Johns

Meeting called to order by David Levy at 6 p.m.

Minutes were presented and a motion to approve was made by Karen Roumillat, seconded by Debi Lumley, minutes approved.

George Vancore moved to public comment and introduced Chuck Forcier and Ron Shamlaty to discuss Field of Dreams. Ron presents photo boards providing images of the proposed playground that is being designed for the phases of the playground.

George Vancore discusses the first phase, which is one large piece of equipment that is specifically designed for children with special needs. Clarification was made that the playground will have three phases to complete the project. Deb Lumley asked if the play surface was wheel chair accessible, Mr. Vancore confirmed that it was.

Bo Browne asked if there were any other playgrounds in the county similar to this one, George Vancore responded that there is no other playground currently in the county dedicated to children with special needs, Treaty park is inclusive but not specifically designed for children with special needs.

Bo Browne asked if this project would be part of St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department, George Vancore and Chuck Forcier confirmed that the county was involved in the project.

Jamie Baccari interrupted the meeting and introduced Doug Bataille, the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Chuck Forcier states that Field of Dreams Board will present the county with the unanticipated revenue and the county can facilitate the purchasing of the playground equipment through the Communities Trust Contract. Currently they have raised \$153,917 to fund phase 1 of the project, but the total for this phase is \$160,913 so they are short \$6,000 or so. Phase 2 includes additional play equipment, but ultimately the ask is for \$96,000. \$6,000 to go towards the completion of phase one and then an additional \$90,000 to go towards phase two to match what is raised by the Field of Dreams Board.

Bo Brown asked what impact does the addition of this playground have on the department for maintenance. Doug Bataille discussed that the department has already accounted for the addition of this playground; with it being new, it has a life span of about years. Ultimately, the cost of maintaining the playground will be absorbed into the parks and recreation budget.

Commissioner Johns asks about the liability asking about fencing to protect the playground from vandalism. Discussion on where existing fences are located and if playgrounds are able to be protected, ultimately there is no way to guarantee the equipment won't be used inappropriately but that is fairly common. Question was posed if the playground was bid out and it was confirmed that it was.

Bo Browne asked what the actual ask was and what the current budget is of the tower committee, he stated that the \$6,000 for completion of phase one doesn't appear to be an issue, larger concern is the commitment of the additional \$90,000 and how it impacts the Tower Committees budget.

Jamie Baccari stated that Field of Dreams was requesting the \$6,000 for completion of the first phase, once the tower committee votes and moves on with the agenda a presentation of the current budget will be presented by Stacia Lando in addition to discussion of an application process for requests would be discussed as well.

Bo Browne proposed approving the amount for phase one and that the Tower Committee matches what the Field of Dreams Board raises down the line. Concern about committing the \$90,000 for phase two was discussed. Members agreed that they would like a financial report and a process to submit proposals prior to making a vote. George Vancore brings up that this would change the current rules that have been followed by the group.

Commissioner Johns mentioned that it is not unusual to have money carry over from one year to another. To the point as to how long the money would be held the committee could approve the funding on contingencies such as deadlines of raising the money by a certain time or the money goes back to other potential needs recognized by the committee.

Dave Levy requests what the current committee budget is; Stacia Lando states that for Fiscal Year 20 the committee will have in their reserves \$232,582 and that's after the commitment for Alpine Groves Park. There is the possibility of an additional financial request coming from Bartram Scenic Highway there is not a current amount attached to the request.

Deb Lumley asked what Staff from the Parks and Recreation Department would be working on this project. Doug Bataille mentioned that it would most likely be himself and Billy Zeits.

Discussion from the board on thoughts about funding the current request of \$90,000 after the current requests that have been funded. Bo Browne is concerned about depleting the funds. George Vancore states that this is the intent of this committee, to support recreational needs in this region of the County. Dave Levy mentions that in the past, the requests have been small amounts but the largest amount asked for was the concession stand at Mills field and then the request at Alpine Park. Reason the money has grown so much is that there hasn't been many requests.

Commissioner Johns asks how much money is generated each year, Stacia Lando states a little over \$40,000 each year. Karen Roumillat agrees that the money should be spent but would like to see a time limit on it and thinks it is important to establish a procedure to go forward.

Dave Levy makes a motion to fund phase 1 of the project not to exceed \$7,000, Bo Brown seconded the motion, motion approved by the board.

Discussion on a second motion begins and clarification on the wording of the second motion. Questions asked on how the county would allocate the funds; Stacia Lando discusses the finding being placed in a Capital Improvement program the funds would be allocated to that CIP and the funds would be carried forward to fiscal year 20. The funding would be carried forward until the committee determined the funds needed to be returned to the reserves.

Bo Browne makes a motion to approve \$45,000 towards phase 2 contingent on Field of Dreams Organization raising \$45,000; an additional \$45,000 will be allocated to the Field of Dreams Committee finished raising the remaining \$45,000 of phase 2. Total possible funds allocated to the project in this motion would be \$90,000. Dave Levy seconded the motion, motion approved by the board.

Discussion continued on what meeting the board would be able to recognize the revenue from the Field of Dreams Committee and how the money would approved from the Northwest tower committee.

Discussion on meeting dates for 2020 and if there will be another meeting this year to address another vote.

Discussion for a formal process to be put in place for ant requests in 2020, keeping everyone on the same level playing field. At the next meeting, Jamie Baccari will have a few options for an application to be reviewed at the October meeting.

Monday, October 21 was chosen for the next meeting to be held. Meetings dates for 2020 will be chosen at the October meeting. Request to the next group requesting funds to submit information to the committee prior to the meeting.

Stacia Lando asks for clarification on the funding for the 2020 Bartram Bash.

Discussion on if the committee should create any goals so the money is spent and groups know about the funding opportunities. Setting a deadline for when applications will be submitted to ensure that requests are fair by setting ground rules on capital requests and operating requests.

Commissioner Johns thanked the committee for recognizing that budgetary commitment placed on the county from approving projects.

George Vancore asked for a motion to adjourn, Bo Brown made the motion, seconded by Karen Roumillat, meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.