

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING  
COMMISSION HELD IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FL  
ON APRIL 15, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING  
PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

**Present:** Dr. Joe Parramore, Chair, District 5  
Lori Bouie, Vice-Chair, District 5- absent  
William Chukes, District 1  
Eugene Sherman III, District 1  
John Youmans, District 2  
Tracey Stallworth, District 2- appeared remotely  
Frances Brown, District 3  
Wayne Williams, District 3  
Charles Hayes, District 4- appeared remotely  
Anthony Powell, District 4  
Charles Roberts, At Large- appeared remotely  
Cathy Johnson, School Board Representative- absent

**Staff Present:** Clayton Knowles, County Attorney  
Diane Quigley, Growth Management Director  
Jill Jeglie, Senior Planner  
Hannah Pope, Deputy Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parramore welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Parramore asked Commissioner Eugene Sherman to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS- Roll Call**

Chair Parramore introduced the two new commissioners who are Eugene Sherman from District 1 and Commissioner Cathy Johnson, who is the School Board Representative. He then asked Commissioner Sherman if he would like to say a few words.

Commissioner Sherman stated that he was glad to be here and excited to be a part of this great board.

The following commissioners in attendance were Eugene Sherman, John Youmans, Tracy Stallworth (appeared remotely then entered the meeting at 7:28pm.), Wayne Williams, Frances Brown, Charles Hayes (appeared remotely), Anthony Powell, Charles Roberts (appeared remotely), Lori Bouie, and Dr. Joe Parramore.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- February 11, 2021**

**COMMISSIONER POWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOUIE. THE BOARD VOTED 10-0 BY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE.**

**5. DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

There were no disclosures or declarations of conflict by the commissioners at this time.

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD (3-Minute Limit)**

***Due to COVID-19 and the efforts of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners to continue the practice of social distancing, Commissioners want to continue to hear from citizens under the Citizens Requesting to be Heard section of the agenda.***

***If citizens have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email***

***[CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov](mailto:CitizensToBeHeard@gadsdencountyfl.gov) and anticipate receiving a response within 48 hours.***

***The Board of County Commissioners would like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during this time.***

**Connie Norman, 209 Eddie Blake Rd, Quincy, FL**, sent an email that was read into record by Chair Parramore.

“Allow this letter to serve as strong written opposition to the Cruz Recreation & Soccer Venue proposal located within a residential area of Harbin Road. As residents of Eddie Blake Road, we do not wish to have the soccer field operating near our home. This is a quiet location in Gadsden County with limited traffic. The proposed soccer field(s) would bring much heavier traffic to the area, where traffic congestion and speeding could be a major issue. We also, have issues with trash being thrown out or dumped on Harbin, Watson, and Eddie Blake Roads and we believe that the amount of traffic this venue will bring to our area, would cause an increase.

It is our understanding that this will be a multi-field complex, with large stadium lighting, an intercom system, and plans are to have weekly practices from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and games on Saturday and Sunday lasting until 8:00 PM or later. It was also brought to my attention that this soccer group has been kicked out of two other location in Gadsden County, as well as another location in Georgia, for over-crowding, littering, drinking, and being too loud. We do not need this kind of issues in our neighborhood. Please let me know if you have any questions, I would be happy to speak with you if necessary.”

**David Smith, 1426 Harbin Rd, Quincy, FL**, sent an email that was read into record by Chair Parramore.

“I am against the request for the above Zone change to Commercial due to the increase of traffic and people on Harbin Road. We already have an increase of traffic due to the road being used as a bypass from Greensboro and Gretna when the Train block the road at Douglas City and Ben Bostic Road. The speed limit is 25 mph which no body is obeying. To keep the community as is my neighbors and I would like to keep the zoning as Residential and Agriculture.

I will be out of Town and not be able to attend the hearing.”

**John Staton, 220 Eddie Blake Rd., Quincy, FL**, sent in an email that was read into record by Chair Parramore.

“Please allow this letter to serve as written objection to the soccer venue proposal on Harbin Road in Quincy, FL. As 7-year residents on Eddie Blake Road, we do not wish to have a soccer field operating every day of the week near our home. It is our understanding that there will be multiple fields. We understand the plan is to have weekly practices from 3 pm until 8 pm and games on Saturday and Sunday lasting until 8 pm on Sunday night.

This is a quiet location in Gadsden County with limited traffic. We currently have issues with trash being dumped out as it is and the amount of traffic this venue will bring will only increase

the problem. We would be happy to answer any questions remaining, but we are strongly opposed to this proposal.”

**Lamar Thomas, 541 Watson Rd., Quincy, FL**, sent in an email that was read into record by Chair Parramore.

“Please allow this letter to serve as written objection to the soccer venue proposal on Harbin Road in Quincy, FL. As 20+ year residents on Watson Road, we do not wish to have a soccer field operating every day of the week near our home. It is our understanding that there will be multiple fields and large stadium lighting. We understand the plan is to have weekly practices from 3 pm until 8 pm and games on Saturday and Sunday lasting until 8 pm on Sunday night. This is a quiet location in Gadsden County with limited traffic. We currently have issues with trash being dumped out as it is and the amount of traffic this venue will bring will only increase the problem. We would be happy to answer any questions remaining, but we are strongly opposed to this proposal.

**Chris Arellano, 1531 Harbin Rd, Quincy, FL**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Mr. Arellano stated that his concern for this complex was that Harbin Rd is a residential area. The people who live on this road moved to the country to get away from the high traffic activities and residents walk those roads for exercise. The area where this complex would be located is an area where trash is thrown out on both sides of the road. There are beer bottles that have been thrown out in that area. He stated that he is just outside of the notification parameters and believed that those who live on that road should have been notified. Mr. Arellano stated that when he played there was a lot of drinking, cussing, and public changing that went on during these adverts. There is also an issue with public urination. Mr. Arellano witnessed this league being removed from their former location. They were not allowed to play in the city limits. They were removed because of drinking and fighting. That there are no youths that are playing in this league and there are only adults who are playing on those fields.

**Juan Hernandez, 1513 Harbin Rd, Quincy, FL**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Mr. Hernandez stated that he owns the property across the road from the applicant. He stated the reason he bought the property was because it is a peaceful place. He stated that he liked the idea, but he did not like it across from his property. He stated that it could cause a large amount of trouble. He stated that when he played there was alcohol on the premises and that was on every team. He was also concerned for the traffic in that area. He also has concerns for the littering that will be affecting Harbin Rd.

**Reginald Cunningham, 329 Robinson Dr, Quincy, FL**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Mr. Cunningham stated that he has known Mr. Cruz for years. He has watched Mr. Cruz want to do this project his whole life. He thought how this project would impact the area, and he offered his assistance on this project. Yet, he stated that Mr. Cruz would have to prove that this project was worthy of where he was wanting to put it. Truthfully the project is needed for the youth of Gadsden County. They have had to move the soccer program because they did not want to destroy the grass at the recreational department complexes. They have fighting and other issues at all recreational locations because people are going to do what they want to do. This program is needed for the community since they do not have a practice field for soccer.

**Alicia Martinez, 1960 W King St, Quincy, FL**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Ms. Martinez stated that she is Mr. Cruz's Mother. She stated that there were problems with Mr. Arellano on the fields at the previous location. There was a dispute between the two parties at this time. She stated that she was glad they were grown and not on the field any longer. Ms. Martinez stated that the people who are bringing up the drinking and the fighting are the ones who would partake in those actions. She stated that she has coached kids in soccer for years. They would push those children to play sports. She paid for Mr. Cruz to play soccer at a professional level and bought the property to put the complex on.

**Yesenia Romero, 1020 S Magnolia Dr, Quincy, FL**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. When Ms. Romero came before, she stated that she did not speak English. The translator who was Mr. Arellano was sworn in as well. She stated that she could not say a whole lot since she did not know what was going on due to the language barrier. She stated that the promises of no alcohol were very hard to control. Also having a program like this that runs seven days a week brings some big concerns since her property is joined with the complex's property. Their privacy is very important to her family. She added that if it were one day out of the week, she could understand that but knowing the backgrounds of the people involved, there was a chance for conflict.

**Benancio Luna, 1401 Gilcrease Street, Quincy, FL**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Mr. Luna stated that he is against the proposed complex. He stated that his property was located right beside the complex and he was planning to build a house on his property. Mr. Luna stated that he works six days a week. His plans are to use his day off to rest and now there will be a soccer field by his property. Mr. Luna stated that he supports sports and loves the idea but was concerned with the traffic.

**Erika Rojas, 1302 Carson Dr., Tallahassee, FL**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Ms. Rojas stated that she was 100 percent on board with what Mr. Cruz is doing. She stated that she plans on helping him and that she has been with the program for four years. She stated that she was Latino and did not understand where the drinking issue was coming from. She has two children who are going to be athletes because of Mr. Cruz. Ms. Rojas stated that working with a nonprofit is how she met Mr. Cruz. She stated that she had gone to different leagues and those leagues had all the issues that were stated. Yet, the league that Mr. Cruz puts on did not have those issues. She stated that Mr. Cruz enforces all of the rules that are set such as no drink and fighting. She stated that at the last property everything was always left clean.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**6. F1 Solar DI, LLC Solar Farm Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan (Quasi-Judicial Hearing) (SP 2021-02) - Consideration of a conceptual/preliminary site plan to construct a solar power generation facility on a 35.72± acre parcel referred to by Tax Parcel ID #2-15-3N-2W-0000-00333-0000 located north of Potter Woodberry Road.**

**Jill Jeglie, AICP, Senior Planner**, was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. She stated that this is a public hearing for the consideration of a conceptual/preliminary site plan to construct a solar power generation facility on a 35.72± acre parcel located north of Potter Woodberry Road.

FL Solar D1, LLC has entered into a lease with Eulace Baxley to develop the site with a solar system to generate electricity with Talquin Electric as the primary use of the generated electricity. Solar Power Generation Facilities are permitted in Agriculture 2 future land use category subject to Board approval as a Class II, Type II site plan review as a quasi-judicial action per Subsection 1304 of the LDC.

The current land use is timber and there is 0.80 acres of wetlands on the property. The average daily traffic to the site will be one vehicle. The Setbacks are as stated 50 ft from property line, 100 ft for all right of ways, no taller than 15 ft, must have a 50' opaque buffer, underground wires, 7 ft tall fence, and solar glare is not to be directed toward resident's property.

Chair Parramore asked if there were any questions. Seeing as there were no questions Chair Parramore stated he would entertain a motion.

**COMMISSIONER BOUIE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT OPTION 1 WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BROWN.**

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN III	YES
COMMISSIONER YOUMANS	YES
COMMISSIONER STALLWORTH	YES
COMMISSIONER BROWN	YES
COMMISSIONER WILLAMS	YES
COMMISSIONER HAYES	YES
COMMISSIONER POWELL	YES
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS	YES
VICE CHAIR BOUIE	YES
CHAIR PARRAMORE	YES

**MOTION PASSED 10-0**

**7. Harbin Road Soccer Complex (Quasi-Judicial Hearing) (SEU 2021-02) - Consideration of approval of a special exception use to allow a soccer complex with accessory agriculture on a 97.01± acre parcel referred to by Tax Parcel ID #3-09-2N-4W-0000-00441-0800 and located on Harbin Road.**

Ms. Jeglie, while still under oath, stated that this was a public consideration of an application for special exception use for the Cruz Soccer and Relational Complex. She stated that Danny Martinez Cruz, representing himself and Alicia and Daniel Martinez, has submitted an application for the approval of a Special Exception Use (SEU) for the development of a soccer and recreation complex to be located on Harbin Road, a local roadway. In June of 2019, prior to purchase of the subject property, Planning staff met with Mrs. Martinez regarding the use of this property. Staff expressed concerns regarding whether this property could be developed as a commercial soccer complex, similar to the one operated by her son, Danny Cruz who operated 5F Soccer most recently located at 8701 Salem Road, Quincy. Staff's concerns were for the off-site impacts such as noise and traffic on a local roadway. Mrs. Martinez indicated that the property would be used by the family. In 2020, Planning received a call from a nearby resident with concerns that a sign had been posted and that the property was being

advertised as the new location for the 5F Soccer Club (8701 Salem Road). The resident indicated that he and his neighbors did not oppose a soccer field but did not support it at the location on Harbin Road in a primarily residential and agricultural area. Concerns included traffic, lighting, trash and noise impacts. This call was forwarded to Code Enforcement. Subsequently Mr. Cruz met with staff and submitted an application for a Special Exception Use (SEU) approval. Staff reviewed the requirements and criteria for SEU with Mr. Cruz at several meetings. He is aware that if the SEU is approved, he will have to apply for and be approved for a Class II Conceptual and Preliminary Site Plan to be approved by the Board. This will require submittal of engineered plans as required by the Gadsden County Land Development Code. The site consists of a 97.01-acre parcel with approximately 27 acres proposed to be developed as a soccer complex with two unlit soccer fields with bleacher seating, a pole barn for equipment and storage use, a dumpster and public restrooms. The current land use category for the property is Agriculture 2. Current surrounding land uses are as follows: nonagricultural acreage, timber, cemetery, a single-family home, and an approved site for a church. The is approximately 2.2 acres not surveyed of wet lands or flood zones on the property. The facilities would be on a septic tank, the electricity and water provider would be Talquin Electric. The Public Notice requirements have been met for the SEU which include signs being placed, public hearing notices have been mailed to all property owners within 1000 ft, and the public hearing was announced in the local paper.

Chair Parramore asked if there were any questions for Ms. Jeglie from the commissioners.

Commissioner Bouie asked if the board was to approve today conditionally that only moves them the next level where the applicant would have to address all of requirements.

Ms. Jeglie answered if the board approves this use and the applicant provided a site plan that met the technical issues of the code was when they could move forward.

Commissioner Bouie asked if Ms. Jeglie stated that a number of citizens were concerned and was that amount significant.

Ms. Jeglie answered that she could not make that determination. She stated that she had several phone calls regarding the project and there were letters regarding concerns for the project.

Commissioner Sherman asked if they would hear the citizens letters.

Chair Parramore answered that he would enter them into the record when the board entered the public testimony portion of the meeting of this agenda item.

**Danny Cruz, 1960 W King St, Quincy, FL**, who is the applicant was sworn in by the Deputy Clerk. Mr. Cruz stated that over all what he was trying to provide was a facility for the community. This was an opportunity to have sports and the ability to progress. This was not just for adults but was also for the youth of the community. He stated that he played soccer here until he was 13 when he went to Mexico to play professional soccer. When he returned with the help of his family, he decided to build an opportunity for the community to grow. This is so they do not have to leave to gain training. Mr. Cruz stated for the past 7 years he has been running 5F

Soccer over on Harbin road. As a coach he has spoken to children in the community and many of these children want to progress their soccer skills. The problem is they do not have facilities or there is not many in this region. This is to help out the community and there is a low cost to the citizens.

Mr. Knowles stated that there were 3 commissioners on the zoom platform.

Mr. Cruz stated that 5F soccer is part of Florida State Soccer Association. That has helped 5f soccer expand the program. It is planned to start raising funds for scholarships for student athletes who are going to college and even have funds to encourage students to stay in school. Since the pandemic's beginning stages it has made students not want to play outside and the goal is to get children outside to play.

Chair Parramore asked there were any questions for Mr. Cruz.

Commissioner Powell asked if this would be a private or public facility and Mr. Cruz stated that it was public.

Commissioner Powell asked if the facilities were limited or open to the public. Mr. Cruz stated that it was open and they were not looking to close out anyone. The goal is to expand and he hoped that this would help out small businesses in the area.

Commissioner Powell stated that there have been problems for the county with other facilities regarding noise, traffic, littering, and etc. He is concerned with people bringing alcohol on to the facilities. Commissioner Powell stated that most public facilities have EMS and sheriff on staff in case of incidents. He asked if he had thought about unforeseen issues.

Mr. Cruz stated that all players have insurance through the Florida State Soccer Association and it covered a certain amount of funds for injuries that happen to players on the facility grounds. Trash has not been a problem regarding the facilities in the past. Mr. Cruz stated that he stays and checks that the facilities are clean after every advent.

Commissioner Powell asked how the neighboring citizens felt about the facilities.

Mr. Cruz stated that as far as he knew, most of them were on board with the facility being placed there. He stated that he believed there were only two or three neighbors to the facilities.

Commissioner Bouie asked if this was for youth or was this leading to a professional league.

Mr. Cruz stated that in general it was for youth and adults.

Commissioner Bouie asked if this was a local league, and was not inviting professional teams in to play. Mr. Cruz stated they were not looking to inviting professional teams at this time, however if that happens due to the level of the competition, yes, 5F soccer would welcome them. Commissioner Bouie asked Mr. Knowles if the county was allowed to enforce them to have some method or standards of rules like at the public parks. She added this was to protect the children from alcohol and other substances.

Mr. Knowles asked for clarification on standards.

Commissioner Bouie stated that she was concerned about youth being invited to private property. She stated that she had misinterpreted and believed that this would be a professional league.

Mr. Knowles stated that it was their property and they could not enforce what was outside of the code.

**Diane Quigley, AICP, Growth Management Director**, stated that they can only enforce times and operations.

Commissioner Bouie reiterated that she had believed that it would be a professional league. Mr. Cruz stated he could not determine if it would develop into one or not. That they want the youth to develop and the program will grow with them if possible.

Commissioner Bouie stated that she thought that professional teams would be coming to play against a team that is here locally. She asked if there would be more than one field.

Mr. Cruz answered there will be two fields.

Commissioner Bouie asked what type of seating will be available. Mr. Cruz answered that there will be bleachers. He stated that there are about 300 players in the league. There is a select team of 30 players who travel to tournaments since they are not using the facilities right now due to COVID. Those players have a chance of exposure that could lead to a professional position and speaking of those possibilities may be causing some confusion.

Commissioner Bouie asked how he intended to control litter.

Mr. Cruz stated that there will be signs and trashcans around the facility. He stated that he stays to clean up and also cleans up the street surrounding the facility.

Commissioner Brown asked if this would be a recreational field just for soccer and if there would be coaches and have teams that are divided by age groups.

Mr. Cruz answered that was correct.

Commissioner Brown asked if this would be like a recreational department yet it was just going to be a soccer field.

Mr. Cruz answered that was correct.

Commissioner Brown asked on the Sundays that there are games would there be EMTs out there.

Mr. Cruz stated that they will have EMTs who play there, so they will be at the facility.

Commissioner Brown asked if there was going to be regulations that there was no alcohol. Mr. Cruz answered that was correct.



Mr. Knowles stated that the board could make that a condition.

Ms. Quigley stated that they are having technical difficulties with the zoom platform. They will try to assist the commissioners who are on it if they have any questions.

Commissioner Youmans asked if this was going to be from youth to adults and Mr. Cruz answered that was correct.

Commissioner Youmans asked if there were around 300 players and Mr. Cruz answered for the adult portion, from the last season.

Commissioner Youmans asked if all of the players came from Gadsden County. Mr. Cruz answered that a good 60-70% of those players are from Gadsden County. The other 30-40% are from surrounding communities. Commissioner Youmans asked if the players from the surrounding communities are teams that come to play against the teams from Gadsden County. Mr. Cruz answered that was correct. Commissioner Youmans asked when you say adults, what was the age that this league considered as adults. Mr. Cruz stated that the ages for the different adult teams are 18-year-old to 30-year old's and an over 35 years old. Commissioner Youmans asked if any of the players were professional players And Mr. Cruz answered no, but felt that some of them could go to a professional level. Commissioner Youmans stated that if the Planning Commission passed this for the youth and then it progressed to a professional league, it would not be what the commission passed.

Ms. Quigley asked if he wanted to limit the age group. Commissioner Youmans stated that he wanted to limit if from going to a professional level.

Commissioner Bouie stated that she was ok with it going to a professional level. Commissioner Youmans stated if that was the case, state that it was from youth to adult. Commissioner Bouie stated that her concern was the surroundings and the potential litter that could be left in the surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Knowles stated that if they wanted to limit use of the facility, that was something that could be added to the proposal to the Board of County Commissioners. This could include the hours of operation. Yet, he cautioned the commission against getting too detailed surrounding what the applicant could and could not do.

Commissioner Sherman stated that he liked the concept yet the roads were a concern of his. This was regarding the traffic pattern due to the entrance on Harbin Road. Due to having drove in the area in question, he did not feel that it was the safest. Unless there is a contract with a private service this may be creating an additional cost for the county to have onsite emergency services. There is also a concern regarding the trash that would be a possibility because of guest littering while leaving the establishment. The traffic counts in the staff report is based off of estimations and was not a professional study. There is also not a lot of lighting for the fields which is a concern regarding day lights savings.

Mr. Knowles stated that if there is a cost regarding EMS, he is assuming that Mr. Cruz would cover that expense. If the trash and clean up gets out of hand that it would be cited due to Code Enforcement.

Ms. Jeglie stated that one of the SEU is regarding the glare. She stated that Mr. Cruz initially came in with three fields and that was reduced to two fields. Also, then the fields would be unlit. Commissioner Sherman stated that he was more concerned with access lighting. In shorter day light hours that would cause an issue on that road. Commissioner Williams asked if there could be a lighted sign to help with the lighting and traffic issue.

Commissioner Brown stated that there was a need for a traffic study because those roads were dangerous and the added traffic could make them those roads even more dangerous. This was already a problem at the Shopping Center off of Ben Bostic Road.

Ms. Quigley stated that the commissioners can ask for a traffic study to be done prior to the commission's approval.

Commissioner Brown asked if this was a first stage of this process or if this was a process where the commission votes and that was it.

Ms. Quigley stated that if the commission voted to approve the SEU that it will go to the Board of County Commissioners and if they do not approve it, the applicant will have to bring it before this commission again.

Commissioner Brown asked if the traffic study would be done by the County.  
Ms. Quigley stated that Mr. Cruz would have to provide that information.

Chair Parramore asked if he had given any thought for traffic control and have designated an adequate amount of space for parking that was not on the roadway. Mr. Cruz stated there was a good amount of space to create another entrance to the facility.

Chair Parramore stated that in the plans, it stated that that entrance will be added three years from now.

Mr. Cruz stated that they will do it as soon as possible, they did not have the funds to do it now.

Ms. Jeglie stated there was a concern when meeting with the applicant at that area because there were some severe grades there. There will be some design difficulty trying to get through because only a corner property touch.

Ms. Quigley stated that the site plan did show adequate space for parking for the two fields off Harbin Road. Chair Parramore asked how many vehicles would be there from 3-8 pm on a weekday. Mr. Cruz stated that there would be about 20-30 max. This was because on weekdays they are only training sessions.

Chair Parramore asked for clarification if that was vehicles or individuals.

Mr. Cruz stated that it would be about 10-15 and that was vehicles only. Chair Parramore asked on Saturday would that number grow exponentially or remain the same. Mr. Cruz stated it would be about 30-40 vehicles and that would be the maximum on Saturdays. Chair Parramore asked how many vehicles would there be on Sundays and Mr. Cruz stated that it would be about 50-80 vehicles on a Sunday.

Chair Parramore asked if there were any other questions from the commissioners.

Mr. Knowles stated that Commissioner Stallworth was on the phone.

Commissioner Stallworth stated that he did know Daniel Cruz. *(He could not be heard during the disclosures or declarations of conflict portion of the meeting due to Zoom difficulties.)*

Commissioner Stallworth stated that they had a conversation about five years ago regarding bringing diversity to Gadsden County. Mr. Cruz realized that he wanted to bring people together by making a children's program and teach the children the fundamentals of the game of soccer. Commissioner Stallworth asked if there were any ambulances dispatched to high school games.

Ms. Quigley stated that they are required to have EMS on site for high school games.

Commissioner Stallworth asked was that because it is a public high school. Ms. Quigley answered that was correct.

Commissioner Stallworth asked if people outside of that have to have EMS on site if they want to play baseball. Commissioner Bouie stated not if it was public recreation. Ms. Quigley stated that that was for the school board games. Commissioner Stallworth stated there are people from the commission who want to see that presence. Commissioner Bouie stated that they did have some concerns in that aspect. Mr. Cruz stated they have insurance for all of the players through the Florida State Soccer Association.

Chair Parramore stated that as long as this was not a Gadsden County sanctioned project, it was not in the code to mandate an EMS presence. A contract would have to be done with the applicant and EMS if the applicant chose to have those services. Commissioner Stallworth stated that this would be a private facility and the funds spent for EMS could be used in a different manner to keep the facilities in line with the Code.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BOUIE TO TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS AT 7:19 PM. THE SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SHERMAN. A VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED. THE MOTION PASSED 10-0.**

*Chair Parramore called the meeting back to order at 7:25 pm.*

Commissioner Roberts stated that the only time that they have EMS services is one football season. The other times they had Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic (TOC) on the side lines for the games and if it was something that they could not evaluate then they would call the ambulance. This was a contract that was between the different leagues that used the recreational departments facilities and, in that contract, they had to maintain a clean environment. The soccer league that Mr. Cruz is running would allow students to learn the fundamentals of soccer outside of the school systems.

*Commissioner Stallworth entered at 7:28 pm*

Commissioner Stallworth restated that he knew Cruz and that they have had conversations in the past regarding this program. What Mr. Cruz wanted to do was create a program that brought together the community through the game of soccer. The children of the community will be impacted in a positive way if this program can continue here in Gadsden County. There are solutions for all of the issues that have come before the board at this time.

Chair Parramore proceeded to the public testimony portion of the meeting.

Chair Parramore stated that he would entertain a motion.

Commissioner Bouie stated that she had a question for Mr. Cruz. She asked if he would consider shortening the number of days that the complex would operate. Mr. Cruz stated that he would consider that.

Commissioner Bouie asked how that could be addressed. Mr. Knowles stated the number of days would have to be addressed in a motion. Commissioner Bouie asked if five days a week would be acceptable.

Commissioner Bouie made a motion to approve the option 1 with sections a-m and the conditions be that the number of days be limited to 5 days; t a professional traffic study be done by the applicant and if there are any improvements that need to be done, it would be taken care of by the applicant; the applicant would comply with all local ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages.

Commissioner Sherman asked if that was option 1 on the staff report.

Mr. Knowles stated that it would be the third option, which was the discretion of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Stallworth asked if it would be open five constant days at the field.

Commissioner Bouie stated that she had left that out so it would be up to the applicant to decide the dates of operation.

**COMMISSIONER BOUIE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION 1, A-M WITH LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF OPERATION DAYS BEING 5 DAYS PER WEEK, COMPLY WITH ALL LOCAL ORDINANCES REGARDING ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, AND A COMPLETED TRAFFIC STUDY. THE SECOND WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS.**

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN III	YES
COMMISSIONER YOUMANS	YES
COMMISSIONER STALLWORTH	YES
COMMISSIONER BROWN	YES
COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS	YES
COMMISSIONER HAYES	YES
COMMISSIONER POWELL	NO
COMMISSIONER ROBERTS	YES
VICE CHAIR BOUIE	YES
CHAIR PARRAMORE	YES

**MOTION PASSED 9-1**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bouie asked if there was a statute regarding the public and notification and could the commission have a workshop for that issue. Ms. Quigley stated they could.

**9. PLANNING DIRECTOR**

Ms. Quigley stated that the recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding the telecommunication towers was passed by the Board of County Commissioners.

**10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BROWN AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BOUIE, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M.**

**GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**DR. JOE PARRAMORE, Chair  
Planning Commission**

**ATTEST:**

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**NICHOLAS THOMAS, Clerk**