

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 17, 2018

I. Call to Order

- Laura Botto called the Meeting to order. The Meeting was held in Building G, Parks and Recreation Conference Room.

II. Invocation

- Mike Sullivan gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2018 Meeting

- **Mike Sullivan made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Mike Allocco seconded. The Minutes were approved 3 to 0.**

IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

- Ted Symanski and George Briggs from Ocean Ridge Plantation were present to ask questions regarding Ocean Isle Beach Park Phase 2. Mr. Briggs did a recap of the plans for the Project. Wants to make sure the funds are available to complete the footprint of the plans. Stated 5 million was allocated, went up to 5.8 million. Indicated an additional million was added to be used for LED lights. Coming to meeting to keep community updated on the conditions. Wants to know if the LED light towers will be shorter and if the conditions of the soil will affect the Park not being finished. Mr. Symanski indicated he was excited about the amenities to come such as pickleball, dog park, walking trails and softball fields, but he was concerned the property is wetter than they knew and will it affect the project. Asked if there were documentation available to compare apples to apples on the Benesch plans and actual bid amount. Asked what the UP1 – UP5 was in the award letter. Wants to know if there will be sod for grass, will the dog park/pickleball courts/basketball courts be lit, is LED lighting more, will there be awnings, gazebos or benches at the pickleball courts and will there be a turn lane. Mr. Briggs asked if the trees that border the fields have been thinned out so much that they are a safety issue if golfer hits a ball onto the baseball fields. Aaron responded that he would answer these questions as part of his Directors Report.

V. Commission Business Session

- **Presentation from Cape Fear Yacht Club (Ray Bolling)**

Aaron introduced Ray Bolling with the Cape Fear Yacht Club. Mr. Bolling stated he and Rich Alt were there in regards to the Cape Fear Yacht Club. Stated they had been in business for 25 years. Have a youth sailing school each summer and utilize roughly 10 sailboats that are 8-foot-long with one sail. These are for age groups of 9 to 13 years of age. They hold a golf tournament each Fall to raise money to support the camp. They are expanding program and have invested in 12 larger sailboats with a two-person seat that will be used to instruct high school age participants from 14 to 18 years of age. They would like to create a racing team for the high school. They are not asking for money for their program. Instead they need a place to store their equipment. Would like to be given permission to utilize two acres by the

cove at Dutchman Creek Park to place a storage building. Cape Fear Yacht Club will purchase building at their expense to use for storage and conduct inside instruction classes. Mike S. asked Mr. Bolling did he have an idea where he wanted the building to be placed exactly? Mr. Bolling replied that first they needed to know they had our support then they could determine what two acres they could use.

Mike S. asked could they not use the gravel parking lot?

Aaron stated the Park is 52 acres, which 15 acres is wetlands that can't be developed.

Mike S. asked if they wanted to lease the two acres.

Mr. Bolling said no they would purchase building and would like to be allowed usage of land.

Laura asked how many participates were in the program.

Mr. Bolling said Oak Island Parks and Recreation oversees the registration process and over a six-week period they have several hundred children. Three of the six weeks they do a program for the small and large sailboats.

Aaron stated Duke Energy owns the property and that he placed Mr. Bolling on the Agenda to have the Board make a recommendation as to whether or not to pursue with Duke Energy about the usage of the two acres.

Laura asked if approved who would maintain the facility and would P&R be allowed to use the building for programs.

Mr. Bolling said Cape Fear Yacht Club would maintain and that they are incorporated with a 501 3C. Indicated he would have no problem will P&R using the building for programming.

Mike A. said it was a positive idea for a County that borders the water and that we don't have enough of these type programs.

Mike A. made a Motion that Aaron pursue checking with Duke Energy in regards to the usage of the two acres for a storage facility, which was seconded by Mike S. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Aaron said he would reach out to Duke Energy to see what they said.

Mike A. asked what would the Commissioners expectations be.

Aaron said it was too early in the stages at this point.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Met today to finish punch list items. Should receive CO for buildings on 4/18/18. Park looks good. Contract deadline was 4/13/18. Substantial completion is Friday 4/20/18. Grand Opening is 4/26/18 from 6 to 8 pm. Will have hotdogs, chips, drinks, Sunset Slush. The Board is invited. Public and Commissioners have been invited. Commissioner Sykes and Aaron will be speaking. Aaron asked Mike S. about saying a few words since this Park was in his District. There will be tennis, pickleball and softball going on.

Mike S. asked about football fields. Aaron said once the project is turned over to the County that if the football fields need remediation that it would be done in house.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach Park**

Aaron passed out handout on Project to go over how the Project and costs progressed. Mike A. said there was so much concern on the scope for the Project, but that the contractor bids to what the plans are and the plans stipulate everything. Mike A. asked Aaron if he could make the plans available to Mr. Briggs and Mr. Symanski.

Aaron addressed and answered the questions asked by Mr. Briggs and Mr. Symanski.

Aaron's response to Mr. Briggs and Mr. Symanski's questions were as follows:

Project is a lump sum bid, includes everything, single prime.

UP1-UP5 is the booster pump, irrigation, put there as a possibility if we need them.

Pickleball and basketball courts are lighted, dog park is not.

There will be benches at pickleball courts. Gazebos and awnings will be considered at the end of the Project. The Pickleball Association may raise funds to provide the gazebo and awnings. There will be a right turn lane added. If we add any more amenities outside of what has been specified it could suffice the need for a left turn lane.

Grass will be sprigged.

LED lights are unbelievable and have no glare or spillage.

Aaron once again stated that when Smithville Park was bided that there was a substantial difference in dollar amount which led Commissioners to take this into consideration for Ocean Isle Beach Park Project so that it didn't happen there.

Mr. Symanski asked if he could get a copy of the plan. It was not in bid package. Aaron said the Consultant does the estimates a little higher. Aaron said he would email the information to Mr. Symanski. Mr. Symanski went over the figures again in the handout. Aaron stated that as of now nothing has been eliminated in the Project. Project began 4/2/18 and has 360 days to complete. Anything over that is \$500 a day in liquidated damages.

Mr. Briggs asked if he heard correctly that it was a set price for the Project. Aaron stated again that it was a lump sum bid with a single prime, but still could have change orders during the Project.

- **Update on Intracoastal Waterway Park**

Working with Michael Norton with McGill and Associates to have preliminary plans. Environmental Health has marked perked area for septic. 60% complete. Have applied for Phase 3 Grant.

- **Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members**

Mike A. stated that OIB Park property was donated in 2005 and that the property owners did not do their due diligence when they bought their property at Ocean Ridge Plantation. Said it is inappropriate what Aaron goes through when property owners come back later to the Town or County to make it right. They should have done their due diligence when they bought the property.

Mike A. stated the concept plan is approved for the Town of Ocean Isle Beach Town Park on the island. It is 1.1 million. They will have a stage, splash pad and playground. Getting a \$500,000 Partf and would benefit from a letter of support from P&R. Mike A. asked Aaron if he would do one. Aaron indicated that he has already been asked by Daisy and will be doing.

Mike S. said Sherol Lappala has contacted him about a community pool and had been copying him on emails. He suggested she bring her concerns to the Advisory Board. Aaron told Mike S. that he had met with Ms. Lappala on 4/10/18 and that she would be coming to the Board soon. Aaron explained to Ms. Lappala that P&R would be looking to do a Comprehensive Master Plan in the near future.

Mike A. asked when the Master Plan is done does it go out to bid. Aaron replied yes. Laura stated the Senior Games began 4/4/18 and run through the middle of May and that Special Olympics is 4/27/18 at Cedar Grove Park.

VII. Adjourn Meeting

Mike A. made a motion to adjourn meeting and Mike S. seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

VIII. Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mike Sullivan, Mike Allocco and Laura Botto

Board Members Absent: Leander Mosley and Dale Rabon

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Ray Bolling, Rich Alt, Ted Symanski and George Briggs

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 2018