

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 21, 2017

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

- Dale Rabon gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2017 Meeting

- **The Minutes were approved 4-0. Leander Mosley made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Dale Rabon seconded.**

IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

George Briggs and Ted Symanski were present at the meeting, but did not address the Board.

V. Commission Business Session

- **Brian Moore, Athletic Superintendent, Athletics Department**

- Aaron informed the Advisory Board that each month he would have a Staff Member present to discuss the programs that he/she oversee. Aaron introduced Brian Moore who has been with Parks and Recreation for 15 years.

Brian began by saying he had two Athletic Coordinators, Daniel Rabon and Tanya McGee who work with him to provide programs for the youth and adults. Brian handed out a document to the Advisory Board for them to follow along with him on the programs offered. He stated that Adult Women's and Men's Softball Leagues are played from August till November and Adult CoEd is played from June till August. Youth Football and Cheer are played from August till November. There are 12 teams total for each, with 6 being JV and 6 Varsity. Ages are 6 to 13 for cheer and 7 to 13 for football. Teams are located in Leland, Town Creek, Southport/Oak Island, Supply and Shallotte. Games use to be held at the 3 High Schools, but now we play them at Town Creek Park which allows our office to cut costs and time. Basketball starts in November with skills analysis and runs through February for grades 1st through 6th male and female. We use elementary schools for practice and middle schools for games. Took soccer back over in 2015 and this Spring have 450 children participating with 60 teams. Locations are Ocean Isle Beach, Cedar Grove, Town Creek, Smithville and Northwest District Parks. Dixie Belles and Debs for softball are for ages 13 and up. The Local Leagues handle ages 12 and under. Teams are located at Northwest, Town Creek, Smithville, Cedar Grove and Shallotte District Parks. Teams in the past have won 8 State Championships, runner up in World Series and won World Series. Dixie Boys Baseball is for ages 13 and 14. Locations are Northwest, Town Creek, Smithville, Cedar Grove, Shallotte and Waccamaw District Parks. Dixie Boys in the past have won 8 State Championships, runner up at World Series and won World Series. PreMajors Baseball is for ages 15 through 18, 9th through 12th grade. Work with high school coaches to run program. Host the Dixie Boys and PreMajors Tournament each year. Hold a soccer camp with British Soccer Camp. Have Local League Agreements for the 12 and under. Tanya McGee coordinates the contracts and field usage. Work with schools to facilitate their programs at our Parks and our programs at their facilities. Help Leagues facilitate local tournaments and events.

Dale Rabon stated that people want to play in Brunswick County because we have good facilities.

Mike Allocco asked when was the State Tournament and Brian replied July 8–12, 2017. Dale said that there are normally 14 to 16 teams with 400 to 1000 people. Brian said the PreMajors and Majors would play at the high school and the Junior Dixie and Dixie Boys would play at Town Creek Park.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Notice to proceed was given today. East Coast Contracting began timbering trees on the additional 20 acres. Pre-construction to begin on 4/7/17. They have 360 days to complete project beginning today.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach Park**

Met on 3/16/17 to go over 30% plans with all County Staff who would be working on Project. Couple of changes due to certain areas. NCDOT with data concluded we do not need to have a left turning lane, only a right one. There will be a construction entrance built for all heavy equipment. Roadway improvements will be the only time the Park is closed down. Will still be able to access the playground and tennis courts. Will move the recycling bins to a different location. There are proposed spaces near the ballfields which are going to be pushed back to prevent balls from hitting cars. The pickle ball courts originally were to be split into 3 and 3. Now will be putting all 6 together on the northern side of the tennis courts. Will have a seating area and shading. There will be a 4-foot fence between each pickle ball court. Will be adding a walking trail around the multipurpose field. It will be .25 miles with 8 fitness stations and a picnic pavilion. We will take the current fence down from around the multipurpose field since the walking trail will be there. The basketball courts are outside of the contract and will be provided in the future. Dog Park will include one for small and large dogs along with a picnic shelter. The road by the maintenance building will be widened to allow construction materials to be brought in. Still may be more changes, but nothing big.

Laura Botto asked if everything is still in the contract as before. Aaron stated yes except the basketball courts.

Mike stated that the tone is positive and that it sounds like they are trying to minimize costs and not overspend. Stated some had expressed the Park would be closed a year, but now he knows the front part can be open.

Aaron stated we don't have a schedule of values. Will get cost estimate probably at 60% plans. Hope to have 100% plans by middle July. On schedule to start November 2018. On this Project, we are working with the Town of OIB for zoning and planning based on it being in their jurisdiction. The wetland data collected showed we do not encompass any of the wetlands and don't have to apply for any encroachment permits.

- **Update on Waccamaw Park**

Maintenance building is almost done. Electrician was out on Monday tying up loose ends. Checklist to get final CO is being done. Need fire extinguisher, restroom signs and ADA accessibility.

- **Lockwood Folly Park and Northwest Park Playgrounds**

The playground for NWP was delivered the beginning of March. It is located at the front of the Park. We will be taking out the center of the fence so a truck can get in. Looking at starting in April and being done in May. The playground for LWF Park shipped 3/31/17 and once onsite will be scheduled to have completed in a month.

Laura asked how much playgrounds are. Aaron said about \$240,000 with picnic shelter. Aaron said we needed to replace these based on them being outdated and not ADA compliant. These will last longer since they have the bonded rubber.

VII. Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

Dale asked about the Leland Senior Community Building. Aaron said that plans are still to demolish and do a multipurpose building. Aaron asked Nathan Swain, Park Supervisor for Leland to go by BCC and look at theirs for an example.

Mike asked if it was still an open issue about the demolishing of the building.

Aaron said he thought the demolishing would take place and a multipurpose building put there.

Mike asked if it is part of the new CIP?

Dale said that Leland Dixie Youth was helping with the funds for multipurpose building.

Laura asked if the new Senior Center in Supply was open and if we were getting the Lockwood Folly Community Building back since BSRI was moving their operation to the new center in Supply.

Aaron said yes that BSRI was moving to new center at Stone Chimney. The LWF Community Building will be a shared usage. We will utilize the 1000 square foot building and EMS will use the 500-square foot building located behind it.

Laura asked if we were aware of the HVAC unit not working.

Aaron stated that the seniors relayed that to the Board of Commissioners and that Operation Services had replaced one unit. We are set to take over the building 4/1/17, but will probably be around 4/10 before BSRI moves out.

Mike asked about the Holden Beach property and its status.

Aaron said we got a contract in. First contract wasn't for the correct amount. Had to cancel contract and get a new contract. The new contract will be presented to the BOC on 4/4/17. Once approved will be making the property accessible to the public by having parking, nature trails, pavilion, restroom, water and electricity. Phase 2 submission will take place as well at the BOC 4/4/17 meeting.

Mike asked about Sunset Harbor.

Aaron said we would be putting up a fence to keep illegal activity out. Looking for grants to develop property. Placing some solar lights at the boat ramp.

Dale said it was a nice piece of property, but had no lighting.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dale. The meeting was adjourned.

IX. Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mike Allocco, Dale Rabon, Leander Mosley and Laura Botto

Board Members Absent: Danny Sellers

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Ted Symanski and George Briggs

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2017