

**MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 15, 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

- Dale Rabon gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2018 Meeting

- **Mike Sullivan made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Mike Allocco seconded. The Minutes were approved 4 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. Symanski informed the Board that he and Mr. Briggs live in Ocean Ridge Plantation and are part of the Community Impact Committee. They look at the amenities that impact ORP. They have an interest in the Park based on its effect on ORP. They come to meetings to watch and follow along on the progress of the Park. They are Interested in the Park and what will be added. Mr. Briggs stated he sent Aaron some questions by email and they have come tonight to hear the responses. Mr. Briggs re-asked the questions that were emailed to Aaron so that the Board could hear:
 1. Has Ocean Ridge Golf Course been told that the golf balls could hit players on the baseball fields? Commissioner Thompson toured the location and expansion and expressed concern regarding the size of the barrier from the ballfields. Construction began and has diminished the barrier. What are the plans to rebuild a barrier and have more trees or netting? Is the Golf Course responsible for this?
 2. Will there be a left turn lane added on Old Georgetown Road? The speed limit is 55 mph and concerned when there are events in the Park people will do silly things when waiting to turn into the Park.
 3. Residents were told lights would go out at 10 pm provided no events going on at the Park. They still see lights on after 10 pm.

V. Commission Business Session

- **Ocean Isle Beach Park**

Aaron stated he put Ocean Isle Beach Park on the Agenda based on the questions Mr. Briggs had sent him and the concerns raised. In addition, Aaron has brought all the plans for anyone to review. Aaron's responses to Mr. Briggs three questions are as follows:

Aaron has spoken with Ocean Ridge Golf Course and they have stated that they have a 50-foot buffer from the course to the homes. Mr. Briggs asked if that is from edge of fairway to property line and Aaron said yes, that is what he was told. Additionally, Aaron said over the past year the golf course said there has been only one incident where a window was broken and no incidents have occurred of injury from golf balls. The golf course has stated that they will not be putting up any form of netting. If anything is put up they indicated that the County would have to do that. Aaron said until it is an issue, the County wouldn't allocate

funds. The County didn't have to have a 50-foot buffer, but the County did a volunteer 50-foot buffer. There are two areas of intrusion. One is behind the 200-foot ballfield and the other by the parking lot to maintain storm water runoff. Mike A. indicated that no major trees have come down and Aaron said he had a conference call and had pictures showing that no major trees had been removed.

Regarding the left turn lane, Aaron has met with DOT and original plan had a left turn lane when Park had more amenities. When plan was updated and removal of some of the amenities were done, DOT said that even at peak season and when all the parking spaces were being used that it would not need a left turn lane. If we develop more amenities later we would at that point need a left turn lane. For now, only the right turn lane is needed.

Park hours are 8 am till 9 pm in the Fall and Winter and 8 am till 10 pm in the Spring and Summer. Currently the park lights go off at 10 pm. When we have programs going on at the Parks, there can be times that they run over causing a delay with lights going off. Weather effects the games and trying to get them all in. Mike S. indicated that he has coached for years and if you see lightning you must wait 30 minutes to make sure you don't see it again or games can get delayed. Mr. Symanski asked about parking lot lights. Aaron said parking lot lights are always on. Aaron said he asked BEMC about doing sensors, but they are not cost effective. NWP, Shallotte and Smithville Parks have a few old fields with breakers to cut on and off. Mr. Symanski asked if parking lot lights would be lower and Aaron said yes. Aaron said the spillage can't go over a 1.2 and that .3 is max in one area. Aaron said the tennis courts and multipurpose field have HID lights and that LED lights are better. Mr. Briggs asked what circumstances can lights be on later and if the Oyster Festival was being moved to OIB Park. Mike A. said there is no intention to move the Oyster Festival or concerts off the Island to OIB Park.

Mr. Briggs asked if events were moved to OIB Park, would a left turn lane need to be done. Aaron responded no.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Grand Opening was held on 4/26/18 and over 300 people attended. Had pickleball, tennis, softball game and more going on. Great turnout.

- **Update on Brunswick Waterway Park**

Working with McGill and Associates on design. Environmental Health approved the septic area. Will start working on amenities for Phase 1 and 2. Mike A. said it looked like they had staked the area out and Aaron replied yes. Mike A. asked if there was an open forum event where plans are publicized. Aaron said they do, but this Park is being built by Grant funding so it is determining what the Park gets. Have applied for Grant for Phase 3.

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

Mike A. asked if the flood maps are being re-released. Said OIB Town Park had to consider new flood zones for Town Park. Is Michael Norton aware? Aaron said no facility within a 100-year flood plan.

Aaron informed the Board that Leander Mosley has taken a new position at the hospital and will be unable to continue on the Advisory Board. He has asked Aaron to find a replacement for him and that he will be resigning. Aaron will be working with Commissioner Mike Forte regarding a replacement.

Dale said they are wrapping up Little League and asked if they have asked about P&R assisting with the State Tournament. Aaron stated no. Dale said his renewal on the Board is next month and he would like to stay on the Board if Commissioner Williams allows.

Laura said the Senior Games have concluded and celebrated their 30-year anniversary. This year's event had the highest number of participants and held their awards ceremony today 5/15/18. The Special Olympics had their ceremonies on 4/27/18 and had a great day.

Mike A. said OIB Set Up Committee reviewed their contributions to the concerts and decided to continue. The Food Bank continues to feed kids and families.

Mike A. asked do we contribute to the NRPA statistics. Aaron said we are part of the Organization and we are compiled with everyone and basically a needle in the haystack. We have Comprehensive Master Plan from 2009 as our overview. Mike A. asked can we use this as leverage against County to get things or use it as a benchmark for items to be put in. Aaron said the Comprehensive Master Plan details more what is a reality for us than NRPA statistic. Mike A. said since we belong to this Organization we should be able to use it as a benchmark. He asked what is population of Brunswick County and Aaron stated he thought around 150,000. Mike A. said he attended a planning board meeting of Town of OIB and the Counties growing right now are Charlotte, Asheville, Raleigh and the Cape Fear Region.

Mike S. stated he drove around Smithville Park and Brandon, the Park Supervisor is doing a great job. Asked towards the new fields and dumpster where there is a locked gate if the property line stops there. Aaron said the other road is County Easement. Mike S. asked about blocks for storm drain material. Where are they going? Aaron said they hope to use in Phase 2 and 3 in house to assist with soccer concession up front and piping to do ditches. Aaron said might add another basketball court, batting cages, Musco lights to front of park, beach volleyball and dog park.

Mike S. said if lights are issue at OIB Park that he works for BEMC and can have the lights re-aimed. Mike S. asked Aaron did he contact Duke Energy regarding the Yacht Club. Aaron said he is suppose to meet with Karen at Duke Energy next week on Yacht Club.

VII. Adjourn Meeting

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

VIII. Meeting Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Leander Mosley

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Ted Symanski and George Briggs

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2018