

**MINUTES**  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**April 12, 2022**

**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**

- Teagan Perry-Hall gave the Invocation.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2022 Meeting**

- **Mike Sullivan made a Motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Teagan Perry-Hall seconded. The Minutes were approved 4 to 0.**

**IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard**

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

**V. Commission Business Session**

- **Brunswick County Legion Baseball**

Aaron Perkins began by stating Legion Baseball was big in the early 70's, 80's and 90's. Said it is what put him where he is today. Aaron was recruited by Legion Baseball and signed in college to play. Back in 2008 slowly began to fizzle out based on the older generation started passing away. There have been attempts to put back in place but needed a post to sponsor. Steve Lanier has approached Aaron about it being reestablished. Mr. Lanier said St. James Post 543 is looking to sponsor. The meeting for this is tonight and Mr. Lanier is hoping it will pass for ages 19 and under. Players from all three high schools plus East Columbus would use North and South Brunswick High School and possibly West Brunswick High School for practice facilities. Legion Baseball is not as expensive and you do not have to travel. The request is to this year have 8 to 12 home games. They would run gate and concession stand and all proceeds go to the Post. Need someone to facilitate. There was not a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) before. Parks and Recreation and Dixie Youth have a MOU with the Board of Education to use school facilities at no charge. If Post 543 approves, will we allow them to piggyback off our MOU to use high school facilities. Kris asked why not use Parks.

Aaron stated our fields are not up to high school regulation. Aaron spoke with Brian Moore in our office as to if we could take our fences down to comply, but we would hit lights and it would be a big infrastructure move. Aaron indicated that in moving forward we would put in site master plans that ball fields need to meet high school regulations. We are recreation and legion ball is not. Legion Baseball sends you a letter to invite. Aaron recommended if approved by P&R to allow for them to be cosponsored by P&R and do agreement to piggyback off MOU and P&R provide the paint and chalk to help accommodate them. Looked at playing at BCC, but BCC doesn't have lights. They play their games each morning or early evenings.

Mike asked why BCC didn't have lights.

Aaron said it was due to lack of funds.

Teagan asked if BCC had looked into grants.

Kris said Walter Shaw with BCC has to do all his fundraising.

Mike said he would reach out to upper management with BEMC to see as a Co-op if there was anything they could do. Mike asked would it conflict with Pre Majors.

Aaron said if Legion Baseball forms that they can play against the Pre Majors.

Laura asked if there were liability issues.

Aaron stated that would be worked out with agreement.

**Mike made a Motion that Aaron be allowed to move forward with the cosponsoring and allow Post 543 to piggyback off the County's Agreement with the high school and Board of Education. Teagan seconded and the Motion carried 4 to 0.**

Mike stated he played Legion ball.

Kris asked isn't it played during the summer.

Aaron said yes and that Freshmen college students can play.

## **VI. Director's Report**

### **• Update on Smithville Park Project**

Moving forward to get to where we need. Paid for additional underground power. Duplex grinder pump going in. Almost finished to do outside work.

### **• Navassa Park**

Met Building official with Town of Leland to see what needs to be accomplished to get the CO. Duke Energy has fixed amperage and now needs to replace the meter.

### **• Additional Comments Aaron**

800+ kids playing soccer with 89 teams, 150 volunteer coaches and playing at 5 different County Parks.

Senior Games kicked off at Town Creek Park on 4/6/22.

Special Olympics Spring Games will be held on 4/29/22 at Town Creek Park.

Dixie Boys have 6 teams and Dixie Girls have 5 teams.

## **VII. Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members**

Laura asked what happened at the pickleball meeting.

Aaron said the result was to play to 11. Signs with the new rules will be posted at the Parks.

Mike asked for an update on the AED.

Aaron said he has discussed with Risk Management and they are working on.

Kris stated when at her meeting with Town of OIB that they mentioned AED's and she told Dixie to reach out to Aaron on what County was doing.

Aaron said the new Risk Manager is on top of things and checking everything.

Laura stated opening ceremonies for Senior Games went well and congratulations to staff.

Laura indicated there were some different people helping and she hoped Special Olympics goes well.

Aaron said people are ready to get out.

Kris stated people are moving to the area.

## **VIII. Adjourn Meeting**

Mike made a Motion to adjourn meeting and Teagan seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

**IX. Meeting Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Laura Botto, Kris Crane, Teagan Perry-Hall and Mike Sullivan

Board Members Absent: Dale Rabon

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022