

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2024 (Changed from 1/9/24)

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 November 14, 2023 Meeting

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

IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

Joe Crisco was present to request having frisbee golf at Brunswick Nature Park. Aaron gave background information on volunteer groups for the Park. Aaron explained that originally there were to be volunteer organizations for equestrian, hiking, and biking trails as well as frisbee golf. The trails for the hiking and biking were the only two that were established. Based on the MOU with Coastal Land Trust the County is not allowed to cut or clear anything. Currently, the underbrush needs a prescribed burn to open areas as possibilities for equestrian trails or frisbee golf.

Laura asked Mr. Crisco if he had a group that wanted to do frisbee golf.

Mr. Crisco stated not really, but that he was willing.

Aaron explained our hands are tied based on all the stipulations with the MOU.

Laura asked when Aaron would know about the prescribed burn.

Aaron stated it would be when the forestry services were able. It has been over 4 years now trying to get a vendor to do it.

Laura asked if any other Parks were suitable for the frisbee golf.

Aaron explained that Mr. Crisco is requesting an 18-hole frisbee golf course which would require 30 acres to accomplish. BNP has the most acreage.

Laura asked about the property on 211 that the County owns.

Aaron shared that utilities may use. Aaron will get Mr. Crisco's information and see what may come down the road. Aaron advised Mr. Crisco to be a voice at public meetings and hearings about wanting frisbee golf. Aaron explained how pickleball started out being nowhere and based on input at public meetings it was now one of the biggest demands.

V. Commission Business Session

- **North Brunswick Kiwanis Story Walk Request**

Aaron looked at the current story walk that is at Belville Riverfront Park. Westgate Park is under construction and the Kiwanis are requesting to move the story walk from there to another Park, preferably Town Creek Park or Leland Park. Aaron explained we would install and the Kiwanis would change out the story every 3 to 4 months.

Laura asked how much time and effort would the Maintenance Division have to make and how long were they up at Westgate?

Aaron said it would take extra time on their part and they are pretty new.

Dale asked how far apart the stations are spaced and can we do a trial basis.

Hayley asked who chooses the story.

Teagan asked are these approved stories.

Aaron stated the Kiwanis choose the stories.

Laura made a Motion to move forward with the Story Walk Project pending if it doesn't work that it would be removed and to have a letter of agreement put in place. Motion was seconded by Dale. Motion carried 4 to 0.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park**

CIP portion of meeting was held on 1/11/24. Discussion on 1.9 million to do Phase 3. This would include dog park, walking trails, irrigation and Musco lighting. Bids due 4/1 and anticipating bids to come in higher.

Looking to start Site Master Plan for Lockwood Folly Park 7/1 and hopefully Northwest Park the following year.

- **Park Signs**

Approved to move forward with new logo on 6 park signs. New signs to be placed at Northwest Park, Lockwood Folly Park, Waccamaw Park, Shallotte Park, Cedar Grove Park and Leland Park.

- **Youth Lacrosse**

Discussed lacrosse over a year ago with Les Tubb, Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Jonathan Paschal. All 3 High Schools have lacrosse with that typically being the first time they are introduced to the sport and play. This year starting to have at the Middle Schools to get instructional time to be ready for High School. Will be 3 free clinics with Parks and Recreation to be held 2/18 at North Brunswick High School, 2/25 at West Brunswick High School and 3/3 at South Brunswick High School. Hope clinics will start interest to move forward with a program. Need facilities and equipment. The average price per participant would be \$120.00 to \$140.00 and would not include helmet, stick and gloves.

- **Park Improvements**

Looking to do electric gates and cameras at Parks. Salary Replacement Funds used for scoreboards, fencing, lighting and playgrounds. Risk Management asked to have staff member with Certified Playground Safety Inspector License. Todd Tetreault went to Florida to take class and test and passed. Will send memo to municipalities that our Department has someone who can do playground inspections.

VII. Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

Aaron asked which Members would want to attend the Conference in Greensboro this year to know how to budget.

Dale shared he went to Dixie Youth Meeting and Ozone was brought up again. Dale let those present know that Leland Park could not accommodate and it couldn't be held there. Aaron stated that Ozone was not a simple change and that Dixie Youth is now Diamond Youth.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

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

IX. Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present: Laura Botto, Hayley Burgess, Dale Rabon and Teagan Perry Hall.

Board Members Absent: Mike Sullivan

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Joe Crisco

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 2024