



# MEETING MINUTES

## BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING OFFICIAL MINUTES

April 8, 2025

6:00 PM

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met in Regular Session on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Building G, located at the Brunswick County Government Center, 20 Referendum Drive, Bolivia, North Carolina.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Sullivan, Vice-Chairman  
Teagan Perry-Hall  
Nora Lynn Finch

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Laura Botto, Chairman  
Dale Rabon

### STAFF PRESENT

Aaron Perkins, Director  
Tanya Jackson, Administrative Coordinator

### OTHERS PRESENT

None

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### II. INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Sullivan gave the Invocation.

#### III. ATTENDANCE

Vice-Chairman Mike Sullivan and Board Members Teagan Perry-Hall and Nora Lynn Finch were present. Director Aaron Perkins and Administrative Coordinator Tanya Jackson were present. Chairman Laura Botto and Board Member Dale Rabon were absent.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 1. Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting

Board Member Perry-Hall made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Finch and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

#### V. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens/organizations present for public comments.

## VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS SESSION

Mr. Perkins presented the rankings for the 2024 Strategic Plan Update and requested that the Board provide a recommendation for its adoption.

### Project Rankings:

**Smithville Park Phase 3** – Currently under construction.

1. **Lockwood Folly Park**
2. **Northwest Park**
3. **Shallotte Park**
4. **Leland Park**
5. **Land Acquisition for Proposed Parks**
6. **Town Creek Park**
7. **Brunswick Nature Park**
8. **Cedar Grove Park**
9. **Dutchman Creek Park**
10. **Navassa Park**
11. **Ocean Isle Beach Park Phase 2**
12. **Complex Park**
13. **Waccamaw Park Renovations**
14. **Brunswick Waterway**
15. **Camp/Fair Grounds (Hwy 211)**
16. **Greenway Master Plan**
17. **Aquatics Facilities Feasibility Study**

Board Member Perry-Hall made the motion to adopt the 2024 Strategic Plan Project Rankings. The motion was seconded by Board Member Finch and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

## VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Aaron Perkins)

### 1. **Update on Smithville Park Project**

The Project is gradually progressing. We contacted the contractor to reiterate that during construction the site is their responsibility and they are expected to perform general maintenance and maintain the construction barriers.

### 2. **Update on Navassa Park**

Approval has been received to proceed with the playground project. The play units and curbing are in place.

### 3. **Update on ARPA Enabled**

Materials for the automatic gates are arriving. Work at Shallotte Park is nearly complete, with Waccamaw Park scheduled next, followed by Ocean Isle Beach Park in the first phase of the project.

### 4. **Update Youth Athletics / Senior Games / Special Olympics**

Spring soccer registration has exceeded 1,200 participants across 97 teams. The Senior Games are underway with a record number of registered participants. The Spring Games for Special Olympics were held on March 25, 2025, marking the largest turnout to date. With the Special Populations Coordinator on maternity leave, Staff stepped in to manage the program and did an outstanding job.

## **VIII. COMMENTS ADVISORY BOARD**

Board Member Finch noted that citizens had expressed concerns about the condition of the tennis courts at Ocean Isle Beach Park. Mr. Perkins explained that the damage initially began with Hurricane Florence and while repair efforts have been ongoing, issues persist. He stated that he will reach out to Administration to explore the possibility of using ARPA funds for a temporary fix, with plans for a full renovation included in the next fiscal year's budget. Board Member Finch inquired about potential liability. Mr. Perkins will consult with Risk Management to assess the situation and provide recommendations. He also noted that repairs would likely require a six-month closure of the courts.

Board Member Sullivan reported that the public is enjoying the new playground at Dutchman Creek Park. Mr. Perkins added that a new picnic pavilion is planned for the Park, with the bid released on April 1, 2025, and due by May 1, 2025.

Board Member Perry-Hall shared that her daughter is currently playing lacrosse at Town Creek Park. Mr. Perkins noted that lacrosse is a growing sport in the area and local schools are encouraging the County to build on their existing programs.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Perry-Hall moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board Member Finch and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6 pm in Conference Room of Building G, located at the Brunswick County Government Center, 20 Referendum Drive, Bolivia, North Carolina.**