

**MINUTES**  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**August 16, 2016**

**I. Call to Order**

- Laura Botto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in Building M, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**II. Invocation**

- Laura Botto gave the invocation.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2016 Meeting**

- **The Minutes were approved 5-0. Mike Allocco made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Leander Mosley seconded.**

**IV. Citizens wishing to be heard**

- James Nance was present for meeting, but was only there to listen and observe.

**V. Commission Business Session**

- **Smithville Park Shelter (Reservation Agreement)**

Aaron stated that citizens were now requesting to rent and reserve the new shelter located at Smithville Park and asked for comments from the Board. Laura asked if the rental reserves the entire shelter and Aaron stated yes. Laura asked if it prohibits others from using the playground and Aaron stated no. Mike asked if it is posted that the shelter can be reserved and Aaron stated yes. Aaron stated that the shelter is available for \$25 per 4 hour increment. The time slots offered are 9 am till 1 pm, 1 pm till 5 pm and 5 pm till 9 pm.

**Mike made a motion to approve Aaron's request, which was seconded by Leander. The motion passed 5 to 0.**

**VI. Director's Report**

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Project is at 100% design. Press boxes have been approved as part of the Plan. Once final approval of Plan is done we will go to bid in 30 days with possible contracts in October.

New inclusive playground is a success and the public loves it. It was a \$350,000 Grant with no match.

Laura stated that she was at Grand Opening for the playground and it was great.

Danny said it was packed when he went by today with more than 25 people.

Mike asked how we got Grant. Aaron indicated that it was a one page application for the Grant, with no match. Trillium is able to do these type of Grants based on the excess funds they have. Aaron stated he wished applying for a Partff Grant was that easy.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach Park**

Final approval has been given to do contract with Benesch. Benesch is putting numbers together.

Mike asked if we can presume funding will be available. Aaron said once in place we would move forward and he has a confidence level that 2.5 million will be available for the project after the audit.

Mike stated he has had communication with pickle ball people at Ocean Isle. Mike indicated he informed them that is up to the Director and Operations to discuss and determine the most cost efficient way on courts. Aaron told Mike to refer them to him for questions. Aaron stated that cost may have increased due to economy improving. Aaron stated they may have to do value engineering. Danny asked what the pickle ball clientele wanted. Aaron said they were requesting canopy tops over benches. Danny said the cheapest way to do covers on benches is to use the same vinyl you use for dog pins. He saw this method used in Georgia. Laura stated that once the bids are in that Aaron will look at them first then tell the Board what he has so the Board will recommend. Bids are lump sum on the components. Aaron said the light switches in Town Creek Community Building were \$5,000 each and had to be switched out. In the future they are looking to not have things like that happen, but when bids are lump sum it is hard. Aaron stated at Smithville Park we have done the 30/60/90 review and it was good. Going forward we are looking to minimize over spending on small items.

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

Dale asked about hosting the 12 year old All Star Team next year at Leland Park. Said Bobby Child was inquiring. Also asked if Aaron would put on the next meeting with BOC to ask about Leland Dixie Youth taking over the Leland Senior Community Building and refurbishing it when BSRI moves to their new location.

Danny said he went to an All Star Tournament hosted at Leland Park three years ago and there were massive rain storms and the Park Supervisor did wonders keeping the fields fixed.

Dale said Dixie Youth raises money by tournaments.

Danny asked if tournaments pay BCP&R. Aaron said we do rent the fields.

Aaron stated we have League Agreements January through July/August. Outside can rent fields after the league season is over.

Laura stated that P&R was moving to Building G and asked why we were moving. Aaron stated that the Sheriff's Department is taking over all of Building M.

Laura stated she attended the first Materfest in Shallotte at Mulberry Park. BCP&R helped with this event and it was highly publicized in the Brunswick Beacon. She stated she wanted to commend the P&R Staff on a great job.

Laura suggested that the Advisory Board do a Park tour to visit all of the Parks since we have two new Board Members.

Aaron stated they will try to schedule sometime in September or October.

Mike stated that he still didn't understand the very specific plan for OIB in the bike plan and why it isn't part of the greenway. Kirstie Dixon stated that OIB didn't participate, but OIB indicated to Mike that they did.

Aaron said there is a meeting 8/31/16 at 10:00 am at Code Enforcement in regards to the trails and map review. He encouraged Mike to attend to get information.

Aaron stated he thought we were working with OIB, but was not sure.

Mike said people are riding everywhere at OIB.

Mike asked about Holden Beach Park Property purchase.

Aaron said County purchased property for future development. Purchased property in 2014, 35 acres for 3.5 million. Purchase was in the news with a lot of ups and downs and investigations. At this point, we have a fence, gate and are maintaining the grounds.

Aaron stated he had applied for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to do public access.

**VIII. Adjourn Meeting**

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

**IX. Meeting Roll Call**

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: James Nance

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, September 20, 2016