

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2017

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

- Laura Botto gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2017 Meeting

- **The Minutes were approved 4-0. Leander Mosley made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Dale Rabon seconded.**

IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

Ted Symanski, a resident of Ocean Ridge Plantation, spoke in reference to Ocean Isle Beach Park. Mr. Symanski first questioned why the Minutes from the January 24, 2017 meeting were not posted. Aaron informed him that the Minutes first have to be approved before they are posted on the County website. The Minutes in question are the ones the Advisory Board is approving at tonight's meeting.

Next, Mr. Symanski inquired about an article WECT posted on OIB Park. In the article it noted that there was an increase from \$500,000 to \$750,000 for the Park. Mr. Symanski asked if Benesch requested the increase. Aaron explained that the increase was a result of the Smithville Park Project going over budget when the bids were received. Smithville Park Project was budgeted for \$4.7 million and when the bids were received it was over budget by 1 million. Based on this, efforts are being made to set aside funds as we move along to have for OIB Park should in come in over budget.

Mr. Symanski asked if the budget for OIB Park is fixed with the County, does something have to drop out of the project? Aaron stated that until we receive bids we won't know if OIB Park is going to go over budget. If it does, it will be up to the County Commissioners to decide. Mr. Symanski asked if the Advisory Board had any impact on the bids. Aaron responded no and that we receive the bids and County accepts the lowest bid. If bids come in over the project budget and the Commissioners choose to look at options of value engineering, they will send it back to the Advisory Board to give guidance on what to eliminate to be within budget. Mr. Symanski asked when is the bid process. Aaron stated it relies on a time frame. You need to have construction plans that are at 100%. Everything is in the consultant's hands. At this time, Benesch is working on infrastructure and will submit 30% plans in a month. Mr. Symanski asked if Steve Stone was Project Manager with the schedule. Aaron responded no and that he could give him a 30/60/90-day schedule. Danny Sellers stated he was under the impression that the article WECT published was wrong. Aaron stated that yes there was some errors.

V. Commission Business Session

- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**
- Aaron informed the Advisory Board that there was concern about County Boards. The County Manager asked all staff who had Boards to determine if there was a need to keep

that Board. The Board of Commissioners felt it was best to meet with Board Chairs to see how we can utilize our Boards. Aaron stated that he, Laura and Steve Stone met to discuss P&R Advisory Board. Laura said it had been awhile since we had evaluated the role of the Board. Laura stated that the role of the Board is not to interfere with the day to day operations of P&R. The Board is not set up to inspect the programs, etc. of P&R, but rather come together to give feedback. Laura went on to say that the Board meets once a month to give input on projects, etc. and not day to day operations. She asked the Board to remember what we are here for and try not to be involved in areas not needed.

Danny said he thought Laura was referring to him, but when his County Commissioner wants him to go for a ride with them, then he is going.

Aaron stated that it was not referring to one specific person but all County Advisory Boards. Laura let the Board know that Mr. Stone had suggested possibly having quarterly meetings. Laura suggested we meet once a month as necessary and if there are no agenda items, then we don't.

Dale indicated that if he was needed by the community he would help and talk to his County Commissioner Frank Williams. For the most part Dale said the Leland area had been good. He stated that Aaron has enough on his plate.

Aaron informed the Board that it was recommended to review the functions and role of the Board to ensure that the commitment of time and resources is properly utilized. Aaron said he would ask the Board in regards to how often to have meetings. Aaron was glad that he had talked to the Board previously about doing trainings and adding them to P&R magazine subscriptions. Aaron stated P&R is a bigger picture than just athletics. Brunswick County is mostly seniors. There is always someone on the other side of the fence saying we need to do this or that. Aaron felt the Holden Beach property was a good buy. We are constantly getting phone calls about bike trails, frisbee golf, etc.

Aaron asked the Board when they wanted to have their meetings. The Board agreed to have meetings monthly and to cancel when not necessary.

Dale made a motion to keep the Advisory Board meetings monthly unless Aaron felt we needed to cancel due to a lack of agenda items. Leander seconded the motion and it was passed 4 to 0.

VI. Director's Report

• Update on Smithville Park Project

As of last week waiting on contract from East Coast Contractors to be sent to legal for review. Once back we are looking at doing the Notice to Proceed by March or April. Usually a 360-day process to complete construction, but depends on the weather. Hope to be finished by December. The existing facilities will be open to the public.

Danny asked when Smithville was complete would the games being played at Bill Smith Park be moved to Smithville. Aaron stated yes. We were doing some things to help keep Bill Smith Park up. The County said we couldn't maintain BSP since it wasn't a County Park, but we were willing to help with some items.

Dale asked how long before the lease was up on BSP and Aaron informed him that the lease was on Dutchman Creek Park, not BSP.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach Park**

Looking at March to have a meeting to see how far away we are from things. Once we get 30% plans that is for planning and zoning the Town of OIB will need to look over and make sure okay. Once we go to 60% plans the County forces get involved. The project is up and moving along. It should be ready to begin by end of year.

- **Update on Waccamaw Park**

Concrete walkways are in from the parking lot to the tennis courts. Have two pickle ball courts. Maintenance building is almost done. Need to finish up floor in building so we can get the CO.

- **Lockwood Folly Park and Northwest Park Playgrounds**

The playground for LWF Park should be in by the end of the week. Have an equipment meeting with the vendor for NWP on Friday 2/24/17.

- **Leland Senior Community Building**

The LSCB will be demolished and are looking at possibly putting a different structure up in the future.

Dale stated that the BOD for Leland Dixie Youth met Saturday, 2/18/17 and wants to make sure that if the LSCB is tore down that they will be able to lease the land and place a new building in its place. Possibly a building that contains batting cages or a multi-purpose building.

VII. Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

There were no comments.

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: Danny Sellers, Dale Rabon, Leander Mosley and Laura Botto

Board Members Absent: Mike Allocco

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Ted Symanski

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2017