

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
November 20, 2018

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 August 21, 2018 Meeting

- **Mike Sullivan 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

- There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

V. Commission Business Session

- **Nomination Committee Recommendation and Election of Officers**

Dale stated that due to Hurricane Florence he had a lot on his plate and had been unable to focus on this. He suggested that we keep the current Officers. **Mike S. made a motion to keep the same slate of Officers as now with Laura Botto being Chairman and Mike Allocco Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Dale and approved 4 to 0.** Dale said he liked what was in place now and it was not necessary to change.

- **Hurricane Florence**

Aaron said he was born and raised in Brunswick County and had never seen flood waters like this. On the highest bluff, water was 30 to 40 feet above normal. Indicated it was devastating for P&R Staff. Two Staff lost their homes totally. Stated he was renting and lost everything. Asked to keep families in your prayers.

Laura asked about the condition of the Parks. Aaron said there was minimal damage at the Parks. Main big-ticket items were scoreboards at Town Creek Park and floating dock at Brunswick Nature Park. Total cost of loss was around \$120,000.00. Putting together information now for FEMA and insurance company. Around 40 to 50% completed. Stated that Mandy Long, Brian Moore, Tanya Jackson and himself worked during the storm. Indicated Tanya worked almost three weeks for Brunswick Financial Assistance, Brian did Park assessments and revised the football schedule, Mandy answered calls in the EOC and he worked in EOC. Northwest Park and Town Creek Park were pod sites, as well as some local high schools and Spring Lakes. Aaron stated he was pulling food and water to places in need.

Dale said he has never seen damages like this to roofs. He appreciated the pods at NWP and the efforts of the County.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Park is at 100% and all fields are open. The multipurpose fields have Musco Lighting up. Working on backboard then BEMC can come out and energize. Working on irrigation and sod. Looking to order the entrance sign. Need to do walking trails and batting cages.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach Park Project**

The Park Project is well under way. Hurricane Florence caused a hiccup with sod, but minimal damage at Park. Total damage was around \$300.00 for two trees and flag pole. The water drained well and only a few areas washed out. Two weeks after the storm they were able to get sod down and lights up. Above ground structures are going up. Pickleball and basketball courts were paved today and walking trail will be paved tomorrow. BEMC will do underground wiring to security poles. Based on the amount of rainy days that we have had, Project is still moving along. The original date of completion was 4/2/19 and is now 5/2/19 based on rain. Once this Park is completed Aaron feels like it will be nationally recognized.

- **Update on Brunswick Waterway Park**

Permitting has been hectic. Hands changed with DQ personnel and staff has taken other jobs. This resulted in items being approved by previous staff and now new staff wants to make changes. Originally 8 feet was approved and now want to change to 6 feet. New person working has indicated it will be the first of January before we are back on track.

- **Leland Park Playground**

Approved and received Grant. Ordered equipment first part of November. Playground is red, black and gray and will be placed close to the picnic shelter where the recycling use to be. With this placement, children will not have to cross the parking lot to get to the restrooms. Should be completed by April 2019.

- **Navassa Park Concession Stand**

Received quotes today on picnic pavilion. Have quotes for restroom and concession. Will be prefabricated. Due to be done by April/May 2019. Dale asked if the Town of Navassa got the grant money. Aaron stated a lot of Towns do not have matching funds. Town owns 3 acres and the County 5 acres.

- **Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members**

Dale said he wanted everyone to know that he has missed the past two meetings due to the Hurricane. Said 30% of the people at his job lost everything.

Aaron said a lot of people lost everything and to keep them in your prayers.

Aaron stated starting budget process soon and that he would be asking the Board their opinions on a few things. Aaron let Staff know today that their budgets were due 1/25/19.

Laura said they couldn't attend Senior Games in Raleigh due to Hurricane. So many local people could not make the reschedule date. Stated Khrystye would be posting the results.

Laura asked could she have an updated Advisory Board Member list and welcomed Dorothy Warren and asked Dorothy to tell about herself.

Dorothy said she was a graduate of UNC and teaches at Waccamaw. Worked for Parks and Recreation part time at one point and volunteered with our Football Program. Have 4 children and are very involved with them.

VII. Adjourn Meeting

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

VIII. Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mike Sullivan, Dorothy Warren, Laura Botto and Dale Rabon

Board Members Absent: Mike Allocco

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: None

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, December 18, 2018