

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 17, 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

- Dale Rabon gave the invocation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 15, 2017 and September 19, 2017 Meeting

- **The Minutes were approved 3-0. Mike Alloco made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Dale Rabon seconded.**

IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

Ted Symanski and George Briggs from Ocean Ridge Plantation were present to inquire on the status of the Ocean Isle Beach Park Project. Mr. Symanski informed Aaron that he would wait for him to address this topic in his Directors Report coming up in the meeting.

V. Commission Business Session

- **Artificial Noise Makers at Brunswick County Athletic Events**

- Aaron addressed the usage of artificial noise makers at Athletic Events. This would be in reference to electronics, cowbells, horns, transformers, self-made, air horns, etc. There have been parents and coaches complaining about the usage of these items at the games. Aaron sent a letter to the General Manager of each team stating that they are not allowed. Justification of this is we are a recreation league here for the kids. When items are used to indicate a team has scored it demoralizes the team that is losing. Aaron stated he has brought this item to the Board to discuss and make a recommendation.

Laura asked if whistles are allowed for officials.

Mike asked if the County has a noise ordinance in place.

Aaron said yes but mostly for night events and early morning activities, not during the course of the day.

Mike asked if there was a statement in our contract or in our Code of Conduct.

Aaron said in Code of Conduct there is, but it doesn't specify no artificial noise makers.

Other Counties we have looked at have it. We are looking to incorporate in our Code of Conduct.

Laura asked if Dixie Youth had it in place.

Dale said they just handle it if there is a problem.

Aaron said most problems happen in football and not any of our other sports.

Mike said as umpire you are normally empowered to throw people out for that.

Aaron said we need to get in our Code of Conduct.

Mike made a motion to recommend that Aaron comply with no artificial noise makers allowed and to initiate control on noise and sportsmanship and update the Code of Conduct to reflect. Motion passed 3 to 0.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Project is 75% complete. Fencing is in, tennis courts and ABC stone is down. Fields are sprigged. Easements with Duke Energy are resolved. On course to be finished by 4/2/18.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach Park**

Permits are still coming in and working on the bid package. Everything is on schedule. Once bid packet is done we will have pre-bid meeting. It is open to everyone. Waiting on highwater mark for storm water permit. Will move to pre-bid even though we don't have a few permits. No date set yet until bid packet is ready. Mr. Symanski asked for a roundabout date. Aaron said probably beginning of November we will have meeting, then 30-day bid. Mike asked if they are prequalifying. Aaron said not really. They have bid package requirements. Once all bids are in they look over them to make sure all are in compliance, then they certify to move forward. Usually 15 to 20 people attend. Some are public and some are contractors. Mr. Symanski asked if Benesch is who qualifies them. Aaron said yes.

- **Update on Holden Beach Park**

October 12 received a \$200,000 grant from Coastal Division Management for Phase 2. RFQ sent out in September and received 8 back. Ninety percent of the Project will be done with Grant funding. Sent out RFP on 10/13 and should receive back on 11/13/17 to choose a firm by a committee. Have \$528,833 in cash and \$601,000 with in kind services. Mike asked how long to do. Aaron said design team will layout. Keep around 1 million to do build out.

- **Leland Senior Community Building**

The Community Building has been taken down. Had asbestos all over the building in between the walls and bricks. Had to have the asbestos crew come in and wet it down, bag it up and clear it from the site.

- **Northwest Park and Shallotte Park**

Courts have been resurfaced for pickle ball. Shallotte looks good. Had a few complaints that lines are too light. They are white and Carolina blue.

VII. Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

Mike spoke regarding his conversations he had held with Khrystye and Melinda about their programs. He asked if there was a way to have a structured template of the activities and who is responsible. Stated it was hard to navigate on website and keep tract. Aaron said he would put together a quarterly pamphlet for what's going on. Mike asked for a basic template and Aaron said he would do.

Laura said she attended the Senior Games in Raleigh. She stated numerous received medals and that the celebration was scheduled for 10/27/17 at Cooperative Extension Building.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

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

IX. Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mike Allocco, Dale Rabon and Laura Botto

Board Members Absent: Leander Mosley

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Ted Symanski and George Briggs

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2017