

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 18, 2016

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 September 20, 2016 Meeting

- **The Minutes were approved 3-0. Mike Allocco made a motion to accept the Minutes as approved and Danny Sellers seconded.**

IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

- **No citizens to be heard**

V. Commission Business Session

- **Park Tours**

Because of Hurricane Matthew, park tours scheduled on 10/10 and 10/11 were canceled. Aaron requested dates 10/27, 10/28, 11/14, 11/15 or 11/16. Aaron, Mike, Laura and Danny decided on 11/14 & 11/15 for the tours and meeting at Building G at 9:00am.

- **Leland Senior Building-Request from Leland Dixie Youth Organization**

Aaron stated at last meeting, the Dixie Youth Organization was inquiring about the Leland Senior Building. Aaron presented photos of the Leland Senior Community Building from Operation Services taken back in March 2016 in regards if the county should keep the building or should the building be demoed. Laura asked if the Parks and Recreation owns the building as of now and Aaron stated we do own the building and it is a community building we do rent to the public. The Parks and Recreation also have an agreement with BSRI to serve meals daily from this location. Laura asked when the new BSRI building is completed will BSRI move to new location, Aaron stated yes. Mike asked about the square footage of the Leland Senior Building, Aaron quoted 1500-1700 square foot. Aaron stated there is a lot of code issues with the building and that's why Operation Services was wanting to have the building demolished. Aaron stated the bricks are coming away from the walls, mold and areas that really need to be remediated, the air unit needs to be replaced, the roof is damaged, with the plywood coming up, shingles are broken with all granules gone from the shingle itself. The biggest issue that Operation Services found was that mold and rotten areas underneath the building. The building was built in the early 40's and that time you did not have to have crawl spaces and at the present time no one can get underneath the building to fix it. There are no moisture barriers in place and would be hard to remediate the building. Aaron state the whole floor would have to be ripped up and start all over again. Aaron asked board members their opinions.

Danny stated can the Dixie Youth afford all the renovations? If the Dixie Youth has the money, why can they not build a new building for themselves. Danny also had concerns

about the “45” year contract, if something happens to Mr. Giles will the county be responsible for the demolish of the Leland Senior Building if not completed. Mike asked about the cost of the county having the building tore down, would the cost be outrageous and Aaron stated the county’s cost would be cheaper than having someone outside the county to destroy it. Mike asked does the Dixie Youth Organization know what they are getting into taking over the building. Aaron let the board members know this was the first time he has seen the information presented. Aaron stated the Dixie Youth wanted it brought in a business section and ask how to move forward with this request. Laura stated she did not see any problem if the Dixie Youth was made aware of all the issue and still wanted to repair it and let us lease the building then it is a win-win situation. Mike stated that we need them to bring the building to some kind of compliance. Aaron stated that Dixie Youth would have to bring the building up to code before anyone could occupy the building. Aaron did state that Leland Dixie Youth had a very big investment early on and they had hosted a couple of World Series and did very good financial. Aaron stated that the Commissioners will make the final decision, and all we can do is make a recommendation. Laura stated she does not hear an objection as long as Dixie Youth knows what they are getting into and fulfill the obligations. Laura asked if we make that the recommendation would you (Danny) second that. Danny stated yes.

- **Annual Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan Update Presentation**

Aaron discussed the Strategic Plan Update for the parks by sharing the power point provided during the meeting. The power point included each park and discussing the future plans for the parks.

VI. Director’s Report

- **Update on Waccamaw Park Project**

Aaron stated “before the storm Outerbanks Tennis competed the paving and asphalt to the basketball and tennis courts. They will be back to complete the fence and striping, looking into next month to be completed. The storm put a hold onto the maintenance building. Builder is from Columbus County and power is still out. Should be back in 2 weeks to begin back working.

- **Update on Smithville Park**

Aaron stated still waiting on DOT and Storm Water permits to move forward. Some questions have been asked about certain things and consultants have taken care of responding back. The way it’s looking we should have everything to move forward to go out to bid in the next few weeks.

- **Update on Ocean Isle Beach**

For Ocean Isle Beach, we did receive the \$300,000 grant. From the commissioner’s meeting last night, they did allocate 2.5 million dollars to move forward with the design, engineer, construction and management for OIB. We have negotiated contract for some bush hogging to take place in the next few weeks for the surveyors to begin surveying the parameters so preparations can be made to start on the plan.

- **Update on Northwest Park Playground**

Aaron stated we did receive the grant for the Playground. The Board of Commissioners accepted that grant last night. We are looking forward to ordering equipment and renovating that area. There was a safety issue reason on why the old playground equipment was removed. Aaron stated letting the members know, that he had not placed the next

information on the agenda because of just receiving the information. We were awarded a \$250,000 grant for the Holden Beach park. The acceptance of the grant will be announced at the November 7th Board meeting.

VII. Comments from Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

Danny

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

Laura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Danny. The meeting was adjourned.

IX. Meeting Roll Call

Board Members Present: Mike Allocco, Danny Sellers and Laura Botto

Board Members Absent: Leander Mosley and Dale Rabon

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins, Penny King and Melinda Johnson

Citizens of Interest: Ted Symanski (Observing only)

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2016