

MINUTES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2019

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 February 19, 2019 Meeting

- **Mike Allocco 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

Ted Symanski and George Briggs from Ocean Ridge Plantation were present. Mr. Symanski stated that Aaron and Mike A. would be coming to ORP to do a presentation on 3/21/19. Asked if Aaron needed anything and stated they have an HMI connection. Aaron indicated he has hard boards. Mr. Symanski said they do not have easels, but Aaron said he has everything he needs. Mr. Symanski stated that ORP residents will be asking questions about the basketball courts, dog park, lighting and safety. Mr. Symanski indicated he currently has 75 people signed up to attend and they have concerns. Mr. Briggs stated he would be unable to attend due to another commitment. Also referred to the 2019 Strategic Plan being on the Agenda and asked that ORP be informed if anything effects ORP again.

V. Commission Business Session

- **2019 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Update (Board is requested to formally approve)**
Aaron passed out the 2019 Strategic Plan and explained that Staff had ranked. Will be doing a 2019/2020 Comprehensive Master Plan. Going over ranking so if any additional funds are available the Board would know how Staff ranked.
Aaron proceeded to go over the rating and explain some of the needs. It was as follows:
LWF Park was rated number 1. Currently has ADA concerns and problems with septic back up.
NWP was number 2. Larger Park with 38 acres. Property donated to County and a lot of backfill brought in to make usable. Big renovation and would be done in phases. Phase 1 at 5 million and Phase 2 at 5 million.
Shallotte Park was ranked at number 3. Donated wetlands and looking for other property to build a new Park. Has problems at current site with wetland delineation.
Mike A. asked about new locations and would school facility be an option.
Aaron said yes it could be part of objectives in the new 10-year Plan.
Mike A. asked can Board support bond if with the school system.
Aaron stated County is pay as you go.
Navassa Park is number 4. Doing work now to renovate concession, restroom and shelter. Cost is \$245,000. Broke ground today to do shelter. Waiting to give approval on concession/restroom.

Laura asked what moved it from 6 to 4 and Aaron replied that it was mainly to bring the Park to ADA compliant.

Leland Park is at number 5. Dropped one spot due to getting playground 2018/2019. Playground is ordered and onsite. Installers are onsite to start process and should be done in 2/3 weeks. Adding sidewalks to cross over parking lot.

Brunswick Waterway Park is number 6. Passive Park off Highway 130 near Holden Beach. Working with McGill and Associates to come up with someone to do archeological survey. Ready to move forward with Project, but must do survey first, which will cost around \$10,000.

Smithville Park Phase 2 came in at number 7. Finished one year ago Phase 1. Phase 2 is updating and renovating the existing fields, multipurpose, irrigation, walking trails, dog park and beach volleyball.

Cedar Grove Park Phase 2 came in at number 8. Has 50 plus acres and cost is projected at 5.1 million.

Mike A. asked if issue was fields not lit and Aaron responded that one field is lit now.

Dutchman Creek Park is at 9. Cape Fear Yacht Club is requesting facility to store sail boats. Nice piece of property. Had some issues during Hurricane Florence with eroding. Applying for minor Cama Permit to put silk fence up to slow erosion. Lost 50 to 100 feet near playground.

Sunset Harbor Blue Way Trail came in at number 10. Has two properties to put kayak launch. Blueway idea is a good idea, but hard to put facility in.

Mike A. said boat ramp is issue and needs dredging.

Aaron said boat ramp is separate and belongs to Wildlife.

Dale said he has house there and boat ramp was built in wrong place. Boat ramp should be where the pier is.

Brunswick Nature Park is number 11. Located on Highway 133 on 911 Acres. Working with Cape Fear Sorba and Coastal Land Trust. Great place for visitors. So many stipulations with CLT that it is hard to do anything. Need to do controlled burn. Have funding and trying to find someone.

Dale asked if the State had been asked. Aaron said State is so backlogged that they can't get to it for 2 or 3 years.

Have 14 miles of trails and are adding new trails. Will have commercial power in place by end of April for restroom facility. Will get rid of solar powered.

Greenway Master Plan is at number 12. Working in house on Greenway and Blueway with Planning Department and 19 Municipalities.

Tournament Sports Complex came in at number 13. Don't know if we would get this with the cost being \$12,000,000. In 2009 it was a big demand at same time North Myrtle Beach did theirs.

Aquatics Feasibility Study came in at number 14. In next Master Plan feel this will be something needed. A lot of residents will probably push to see if possible to get three facilities throughout the County.

Greenway System Phase 1 and Phase 2 came in at numbers 15 and 16. Working with Planning to get bike path throughout the County.

Mike A. asked if this was a County or DOT expense to have bike paths. Aaron responded County. Need partnerships with City on who would maintain.

Mike A. said DOT said they would do bike paths at Ocean Isle Beach if they can repave First Street.

Aaron said easements are only so far then they are getting into private land owners on small roads.

Dale said most bike riders ride secondary roads.

Aquatics Facility West and South came in at numbers 17 and 18. Feel these will be a big push in 10-year Comprehensive Master Plan coming up.

Mike A. asked what funds pay for the 2019/20 Master Plan. Aaron stated it is in the operating budget.

Aaron asked that the Board formally approve.

Dale made a motion to approve the 2019 Strategic Planning Update as submitted and Mike Allocco seconded. Motion passed 4 to 0.

VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Musco lights are in place. Once irrigation is in, Staff will do sod. Once sod is in will do ABC stone to do walking trails. Almost one-year warranty. Staff checking pickle ball courts where bubbling due to influx of rain. Outerbanks Tennis will remediate when weather is conducive. Overall landscaping died from storm.

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

Going well and moving along. Hope to do Grand Opening and will set date soon. Asphalt done at basketball and pickle ball courts. Lights, fences and concessions going up. Made a few changes on roofing. Will receive a 30-day notice when the roadway improvement will be done. Mike A. asked if Park will be closed and Aaron said only for installation of turning lane and they will give us a 30-day notice.

- **Update on Brunswick Waterway Park**

Still trying to narrow down someone to do archeological survey. Did receive emails from NC Wildlife about boat ramps. Bridge maintenance work will temporarily close the wildlife ramp. BWP may be a staging site for them temporarily. Will send someone to look at BWP. Scared may be too close to vegetation but waiting to see.

- **Leland Park Playground**

Going in as we speak. Be done in 2/3 weeks and will have more parking in front.

Dale asked if is like the playground at NWP and Aaron said it is a little difference but comparable.

- **Navassa Park Concession Stand and Shelter**

Permits have been issued last week for shelter.

Mike A. asked if they had ripped down the old shelter and Aaron stated yes.

Dale asked if we received help from the Town of Navassa. Aaron said County owns that part of the property and we are updating our portion.

Dale said he would talk to Mayor Willis.

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

Mike A. did his biweekly trip around OIB Park and was impressed.

Mike A. said he saw where Coastal Land Trust acquired the property for Reaves Chapel.

Aaron said he had gone up the ladder to see what we should and is waiting on directive.

Dale said it was in the media about the purchase.

Mike A. said Sunset Beach Concerts had been cancelled due to lack of support. Knew we were a small funder. Said OIB and Holden Beach were supported by their POA and now Merchants Association supporting. Stated it was a meeting point for residents and asked Aaron is there was anything we could do. Aaron said Mel has spoken with him regarding this. We already apply for a Grant and use the funds to help the municipalities. Aaron said we will see what can be done. Mike A. said people collect funds for the sites.

Dale said is there any land to acquire at Leland Park. Said space is limited. Aaron said all were for Fletcher Road being used as entrance, but community was in an uproar.

VII. Adjourn Meeting

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

VIII. Meeting Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Mike Sullivan

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Ted Symanski and George Briggs

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2019