

**MINUTES**  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**June 11, 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**

- Laura Botto gave the Invocation.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2019 Meeting**

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

**IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard**

George Briggs and Ted Symanski from Ocean Ridge Plantation were present. Mr. Briggs stated that he had read a few weeks back that the noise ordinance does not apply to school games and asked with noise being an issue at OIB Park are there games that it would not apply to? Aaron said they had modified it and it isn't as extraneous as before. It is hard to calibrate machines and if someone complains there is not ground to stand on.

Kassie Cumbee was present to inquire about equestrian trails at Brunswick Nature Park. She asked what the correct path was to get these trails put in. Stated that the group who initially was suppose to do these did not follow through. She has had individuals leave nasty notes on her car saying that horses are not allowed.

Aaron said that the group who was to initially install the trails couldn't get together. With the clean water easement and Coastal Land Trust you can't have disturbance to vegetation. The areas where the trails were suppose to be have now had ten years of growth. Working with CLT to do a timber clear. Aaron stated he had spoken to Kassie prior and explained to her that the best method to ask about trails is to attend public meetings for the Ten-Year Comprehensive Master Plan and to bring it to the Advisory Board to make them aware.

Laura asked Aaron what the background was.

Aaron said BNP, CLT, Cape Fear Sorba and Coastal Carolina Horse Associates all came together regarding hiking, biking and equestrian trails. A Memorandum of Agreement was to be done regarding trails. Around six years ago did the MOA, but when CCHA was asked about equestrian trails they indicated that no volunteers had come forward to assist. Aaron said the MOA on clean water states that no equipment can be allowed in some areas, only timber machines.

Laura said it was a dead issue. Aaron said not really. Aaron said we are working on a prescribed burn that would help open an area.

Kassie asked what else can be done. Aaron said we must do logging first and can't use chain saws.

Dale asked could forestry do it. Aaron said Camilla with CLT said forestry is 5 years behind right now.

Kassie asked if a log date had been set. Aaron said no, and it would have to go through CLT and clean water. There are lots of restrictions and have to be approved for everything.

Laura told Kassie we would keep her on the list and notify her when public meetings were done regarding the Ten-Year Comprehensive Master Plan.  
Brian Moore said he would put Kassie on the email list for overall information.

**V. Commission Business Session**

• **Athletics Division Brian Moore**

Brian passed out a handout to everyone present.

Introduced himself as the Athletic Superintendent and stated that Daniel Rabon and Tanya McGee worked with him as Athletic Coordinators.

Stated that athletics oversaw multiple programs. Handle adult and youth athletics which include Dixie Boys, Dixie Girls, Pre-Majors, Women's Softball, Men's Softball, Coed Softball and new this year Coed Kickball. Continue to operate Youth Cheerleading, Football and Basketball, along with Spring and Fall Soccer. Added new this summer a High School Soccer league. In addition to programs, oversee Local League Contracts and Facilitation Agreements, as well as field rentals and working with maintenance and schools. Help facilitate local tournaments and events and host state tournaments.

Mike A. asked with OIB opening would he shift or expand any programs to there.

Aaron said Shallotte Dixie Youth will move to OIB Park.

Brian said soccer would be at OIB Park with the older league remaining at Shallotte Park.

Ted Symanski asked if the Senior Slammers fell under Brian. Brian stated that was a 50 + program with Khrystye Haselden.

Aaron said Brian, Daniel and Tanya M. do a great job and have a lot of programs they oversee.

Laura asked if coaches go through certification.

Brian does background checks and offer materials to help. Usually begging people to coach.

Aaron said we now have incentive for people to coach. If you coach your child's team, your child plays free.

• **Nominations**

Aaron stated that Dorothy's term is up in June and is the only one up.

Laura asked Dale if he would head as Nomination Committee Chairperson. He said he would put something together for meeting in July.

Laura asked who Dorothy's replacement was.

Aaron said waiting to see. Have requested resignation letter from Dorothy.

**VI. Director's Report**

• **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Working to get batting cages in. Pouring footers for curbing to do astra turf. Has to go in simultaneously. Cages first, then sod, then pave walking trials. Next Concession/restroom in front of Park.

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

Coming along well. Original deadline was 3/29/19, but due to rain date changed to 5/2, 5/17, 5/22 and now 6/6/19. Have liquated damages of \$500 per day. Met on 5/30 onsite and went over everything. Not a lot of rain past two months. Working on sidewalks and have CO today on building 6/18/19. Grand Opening is set for 6/27/19 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Have a few lose items after substantial completion. No definite day yet as to when Park will be open to the public. Working hard on project.

Mike A. said he was at the Park on 6/17/19 and they were working hard.

- **Update on Brunswick Waterway Park**

Met McGill last week and waiting on letter from Raleigh to give final sign off to move forward. Will start doing roads, walking trails in Phase 1 once we receive letter. Working diligently.

Laura asked do we know we will get to go ahead.

Aaron said findings were not significant enough to delay.

- **Leland Park Playground**

Looking great and the public seem to love it. Hope by next month to have walking path from shelter to playground done.

Dale said it was a smaller playground, but that people were using it.

Aaron stated that the old restroom/concession building had some mold found and we are looking to get quotes to do remediation.

- **Navassa Park Concession Stand and Shelter**

Shelter is in place and concession stand is being developed. Staff has done their portion and is waiting for the pre-fabricated building to be delivered.

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

Mike A. said he gave a presentation to the OIB Commissioners regarding OIB Park on 6/18/19 and that they posted an announcement about the grand opening on their website. They have funding for Park on the island and are wanting to call it OIB Park.

Dale said he has been to Clarkton, Whiteville, Chadbourne and other facilities and none hold a candle to our staff and facilities.

Laura said Senior Games were successful and that the SilverArts performance was at Leland Cultural Arts Center. Stated that Khrystye Haselden had been appointed to the Board of Directors for State and kudos to her.

Laura stated she saw an article regarding Special Olympics and that they had success at games. Congratulations to them.

**VII. Adjourn Meeting**

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

**VIII. Meeting Roll Call**

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

Board Members Absent: Mike Sullivan and Dorothy Warren

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Kassie Cumbee, Ted Symanski and George Briggs

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2019