

**MINUTES**  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**January 15, 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 December 18, 2018 Meeting**

- **Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.**

**IV. Citizens Wishing to be Heard**

Ted Symanski and George Briggs from Ocean Ridge Plantation were present. Mr. Symanski stated that the Senior Men Softball League currently use Shallotte Park and Lockwood Folly Park and would like to start an evening League. The League wants to get four teams to play under the lights starting in the Spring. Mr. Symanski indicated to Aaron that he could put him in touch with the League contact if necessary.

Laura stated that the Registration is out for the Senior Slammers and asked what the difference was.

Mr. Symanski stated it is the same League only they currently play during the day and are asking for a night league.

Laura asked if they should call Khrystye Haselden in P&R.

Aaron stated that he had already had a meeting on Friday 1/11/19 regarding this with Tony and Batch of the Senior Slammers.

Mr. Symanski said it looked like the lights were up and the courts paved at OIB Park. Stated that Carol Harpster is waiting to talk to Aaron about the pickleball kickoff. Aaron indicated he has spoken with Carol and will need to wait until substantial completion is received to coordinate a pickleball kickoff.

Mr. Symanski asked Aaron about coming out to ORP to do a presentation regarding the Park Project. Aaron said anytime. Mr. Symanski said people are asking questions regarding if everything is on schedule and said Aaron needs to give a report.

Mike A. asked if ORP group meets regularly. Mr. Symanski said he is referring to the ORP residents wanting a presentation.

Mr. Briggs stated it would be good for people to know the expectations. Indicated that people are asking about the lighting. Said he is pleased lights are not as tall and that people are asking when lights will come on and off and wants Aaron to explain to residents. Mr. Briggs asked when Aaron can come, and Aaron said anytime. Mr. Symanski will check the schedule and contact Aaron with a few dates.

Mike A. asked did Mr. Symanski walk on fields. Mr. Symanski said only in the area allowed. Mike A. said the fields look great.

**V. Commission Business Session**

- **2019 Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan Update (Board is requested to formally approve)**  
No quorum to approve.

## VI. Director's Report

- **Update on Smithville Park Project**

Took to BOC on 12/17/18 for closeout of project and final pay out. Had a \$206,000 change order to go to doing the projects/amenities and value engineering such as Musco, sod, irrigation, two batting cages and walking trails. Everything is looking good. Staff is doing demolition in house.

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

Everything going well. Only issue has been the weather. Hurricane Florence slowed things down. When County was closed for Hurricane Florence, the construction company was given those days which allowed for a two-week extension. Have a conference call on Thursday 1/17/19. Expected completion is 5/2/19. More rain is to occur so could push that date out more. Asphalt has been laid on basketball and pickleball courts. Sod is out and walking trails done. They are working on the fence. Mike A. said it looks like they are putting the curbing in. Aaron said the dog park is more fencing than anything and will be done when fencing for the fields is done. Overall site looks good and feels that Carmichael Construction will finish with a good project.

- **Update on Brunswick Waterway Park**

Received major permit to move forward with CAMA. Worked out issue with boardwalk to be 8 feet instead of 6 feet. Waiting on a few more things and to get plan from McGill to bid out.

- **Youth Basketball Program**

First basketball game was Saturday 1/12/19. Have 59 teams and a lot of staff working. Had some damage from Hurricane Florence at school gyms so had to work around that to have practices.

- **Navassa Park Concession Stand**

Met Thursday 1/10/19 with Carolina Recreation. Will be within budget and have extra funds to do connects and walking trails to make ADA compliant.

- **Leland Park Playground**

Ordered equipment 12/20/18 and will start work once weather has improved and we have 5 days or more of 52-degree weather to do bonded rubber. Will deliver equipment onsite when weather improves.

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

Mike A. asked if there was any update on Reaves Chapel. Aaron stated not at this time and that he was trying to get that item on the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in February with the BOC. Mike A. asked what process was. Aaron said he would work with Administration to get their thoughts. Mike A. said he felt the acquisition of property was tough and needed to have a maintenance plan in place. Aaron said his reservation was parking and that the Coastal Land Trust was trying to get the 5 acres across the road.

Mike A. said is there a County Ordinance that says how many parking spaces are needed based on the square footage of the church. Aaron said it is zoned ETJ in the Town and not the County.

Mike A. said they need to be confident they can be able to have parking spaces. Wants to help but not be doomed to disaster.

Aaron said even though we make a recommendation need to have clarification on everything.

Laura stated she did a presentation to the Holden Beach Seniors and explained P&R Programs. She borrowed Aaron's Site Plan for Brunswick Waterway Park to share and discussed volunteer opportunities within our Department. Laura explained we reserve buildings and shelters and recommended that other Board Members seize those opportunities.

Mike A. said a group of senior men were back playing basketball at BCC. Said Khrystye Haselden with P&R had helped do some promo and got some men involved and BCC had been fabulous about them using their gym.

**VII. Adjourn Meeting**

No quorum to make Motion.

**VIII. Meeting Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Mike Allocco and Laura Botto

Board Members Absent: Mike Sullivan, Dorothy Warren and Dale Rabon

Staff Members Present: Aaron Perkins and Tanya Jackson

Citizens of Interest: Ted Symanski and George Briggs

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2019