



## **Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 21st, 2017**

### **Call to order**

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on March 21st, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by Barbara Manning and seconded by Clay Perry.

### **Attendees**

Clay Perry (Chair)  
Kristy Detwiler (staff)  
Erin Hamilton (staff)  
Lorraine Haynes  
Sue Bankston  
Barbara Manning  
Bill Phillips  
Randy Brantley  
Ashton Hennessey  
Ruby Patrick-Lawrence

### **Approval of minutes**

Lorraine Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jan. 17th, 2016 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Clay Perry, ayes by all.

### **Staff Updates** – Kristy Detwiler, Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on the following:

- Kristy introduced two new members to the Park Board. Ashton Hennessey and Ruby Patrick-Lawrence are both from Carolina Village and we are very pleased to have them.
- Mayor/Council passed new ordinance that alcohol can be brought into the park during special events by the park goer. No alcohol sales in the park. Town is worried about liability.
- Kristy talked with the police department about concerts on Main Street and it was determined that there would be nowhere to park and consumption of alcohol on the street will not get passed.
- The dog park fence is finished. The cul-de-sac is being changed into a parking lot. A handicap entrance is required and will need to be installed before park can open. Benches are not a necessity for the park to open but will be in the park eventually. We will need to get a water line into the park for water access. There were some concerns in the Council meeting that small dogs could get through the 3 and half inch wide raw iron fence. Some were also concerned about there being no divisions for small and large dogs. We have consulted with Mecklenburg county and the majority of their parks are not separated and have had no issues. Kristy is also working on different levels of sponsorships for the dog park.

- Lake Drive Update: The original contractor was released from the job. The project was over budget and left unfinished. Public Works will now work to finish what is left. There will be no pier since the project went over budget so much.
- Splash Pad: Kristy met with a company called Vortex and they gave her specs of what she could get in terms of the splash pad. The specs were sent around the group so everyone could get a visual of what the splash pad could look like. It's going to be around 2500-3000 sq. ft. and hold up to 100 people. It will be to the left of the medium picnic shelter and fenced in completely. The grant included all amenities including restrooms, pump house, picnic tables, etc.
- Valentines Senior Dance was great. People up and dancing and had a full crowd.

Athletics/PCAA update, Erin Hamilton.

- Soccer has its first games of the Spring on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Erin had about 60 total sign up and was able to do both age groups. They will be playing at Lake Park.
- PCAA construction on the two new tball fields in the front of the school are finished. They will be able to start playing games and practice on them. No lights. Elementary will still use fields for recess as well. They plan to build a restroom out there as well.
- PCAA Spring Fling will be Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Jack Hughes Park. This is there big fundraiser for the year.

### Advisory Board Discussion

- Clay announced that McCullough will be having a refreshments/cheering station in the McCullough neighborhood for the Richard Sheltra 10k/5k.
  - Randy brought up the sponsoring of benches in the park. The problem is the town doesn't want to mix benches. The town is trying to get the same benches and trash cans throughout the town and all parks. A plaque on a bench would make us lose the warranty on the benches.
  - Bill asked if fixing the lake park project will come out of Park and Rec budget. It will come out of the Cultural & Tourism budget.
  - Sue asked about a disc golf course behind Jack Hughes Park. The town would have to pay \$30,000 for the course and there is no money for that in this year's budget. Disc golf is not on the town's master plan.
  - Randy asked what the Rockin' and Reelin' lineup is and Kristy read off the list. There is one less movie this year and no May concert. Ruby asked about food trucks and Kristy explained how hard it is to get food trucks out to our events because there are so many Food Truck Fridays around the area.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Outshyne, June 16<sup>th</sup>: Monster Trucks movie, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Charlotte Symphony, July 14<sup>th</sup>: Too Much Sylvia, July 28<sup>th</sup>: Moana movie, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>: Kid in America, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>: RadioJacks**
- We decided not to meet in April since we wouldn't have too many updates. We will meet May 16th at the Belle Johnston Community Center. See everyone May 16th at 6:30pm.

Adjourn –Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.