



## Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm by Clay Perry and seconded by Barbara Manning.

### Attendees

Clay Perry (Chair)  
Kristy Detwiler (staff)  
Erin Hamilton (staff)  
Lorraine Hayes  
Sue Bankston  
Barbara Manning  
Bill Phillips  
Tad Hardy

### Approval of minutes

Bill Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Lorraine Hayes, ayes by all.

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

- **New Employee:** Devon Goins was hired in the park maintenance department. They are now fully staffed. Ryver Morris was hired as seasonal/part-time for the park maintenance department. He will primarily help with tournaments.
- **Paws in the Park:** was held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Sadly, it rained all day so there turnout was not the best. Parks and Recreation sponsor the event so they get the park at no cost. She had 22 vendors sign up. There were some no shows due to the weather.
- **Sheltra Race:** was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. They had over 600 registered runners. WSOC and Paul Boyd were on site recording the early morning setup and the race later. The race started and ended at the Belle Johnston Community Center. Kristy Detwiler was on the board for the race this year helping to organize it. They raised over \$19,000 which goes to a young firefighter scholarship program. This helps to pay for their turnout gear.
- **Splash Pad:** Final plans for the Splash Pad should be ready by the end of May. Bids will go out first of June. Kristy is hoping they will break ground by July.
- **Story Walks:** Charlotte Mecklenburg Library contacted Kristy in April about bring story walks to Pineville. They are able to do this from a state grant with no cost on our end. A StoryWalk is a children's picture book that has been taken apart and each page spread throughout the park! Families

get to enjoy reading a book together while getting exercise and walking through the park. There are 20 story boards position about 40 ft apart. Ours will start in the playground and go around the lake. The boards have to be installed by the end of June. They are permanent and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library will come every few months to change out the story.

- **Memorial Day Celebration:** Will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Usually it is the Saturday before but the Mayor wanted to have it on Memorial Day this year. The mayor met with some veterans and the attendance the last few years has been low. They hope having it on Memorial Day will boost attendance. The Town is closed that day. We will have to setup the Friday before.

#### **Athletics/PCAA update, Erin Hamilton.**

- PCAA Spring Fling: was held April 21<sup>st</sup>. This was their best fundraiser to date. They raised over \$20,000. Jack Hughes was packed with parents, friends, and players. PCAA honored the mayor (Jack Edwards) and two councilmen (Joe Maxim, David Phillips) who were in attendance. They were honored for approving the funding for the lights at PMB. PCAA honored Sylvester Perry and Scott Dover for their years of contributions to PCAA. They named the two fields in front of the school after them.
- PMB Lights: The lights have been installed and are aimed. They are not on yet.
- Soccer: The Spring season will be ending soon, right before Memorial weekend. Clay had some nice things to say about the program. His children participated in the U7 league.

#### **Advisory Board Discussion**

- Tad asked if the Town is responsible for installing the Story walk boards. Park maintenance staff will install the posts and boards. This will consist of digging holes and pouring cement. We are thinking about installing some in the tree beds to avoid maintenance around them. Tad also asked if the distance between has to be 40ft, he thought maybe if you added more space they could go farther around the lake. Maybe end when you start?
- There is a new fountain at the dog park. The old one was leaking non-stop.
- The board members had not heard about our celebrity beaver in the park. We told them all about him. We were pretty sure he wasn't rabid because beavers are vegetarians. We called Animal Control but they couldn't take him out of the water because it technically was his habitat. We are not sure where he came from but a patron in the park called Animal Rehabilitation Center and they came and picked him up.
- Kristy talked about the Community ASC Dinner. They talked about what the residents want to see come to Pineville. People wanted to see a variety of performances geared toward Latino, history classes about Pineville and the mill. They want more performances by the Pineville Players. They started doing Culture Blocks. We had two in April (Mr. Poppers penguins, The Imaginators) from the Children's theater of Charlotte. We had penguins come back for the seniors and homeschool children on a Thursday. The second one was a much lower attendance. The next will be Thursdays in June at the UnWind Tea shop with music. Clay asked about the culture blocks and how they are advertising.
- Next up: Rock/Reel- June 1 – Coconut Groove; June 22 – Wonder Movie; June 28 – Charlotte Symphony; July 13 – Red Dirt Revival; July 20 – Lion King Jr.; July 27 – Peter Rabbit Movie; August 17 – Trial by Fire; September 14 – Entertainers. Lion King jr will be put on by the Matthews Playhouse. Fall Fest will be October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Sue and Barbara would like to volunteer again.
- We will meet August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Belle Johnston Community Center. See everyone at 6:30pm.

Adjourn – Clay made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tad seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.