



## Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm by Barbara Manning and seconded by Clay Perry.

### Attendees

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

### Approval of minutes

Clay Perry made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7th, 2017 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Sue Bankston, ayes by all.

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

- **New Employee:** Jordan Williams has been hired to fill George's front desk position at night and weekends. George Lovelace is retiring at the end of February. He has been with town close to 30 years. Jordan started the Wednesday before. We are very pleased so far.
- **Tree Lighting:** It was held December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The board members that helped with hiding candy canes were a big help. Lorraine voiced that the hot chocolate was very good. We had a great crowd out for the annual event.
- **Senior Valentines Banquet:** It was held February 9<sup>th</sup>. We had about 140 seniors at the banquet. The attendance was lower than past years. Maybe due to the high number of flu cases and other illnesses. The Java Band played and the food was from Sports Page.
- **Splash Pad:** 50% plans done of splash pad. Kristy showed the board several different plans. The plans show building specs, handicap ramp, what trees will stay. One plan showed the shape and location of exactly where it will be. There will be two handicap parking spots and a shelter. There will be a double gate to stop people from coming into the restrooms. The plan even showed where the features will go and there spray patterns. Leaf, frog, water table, etc. There will be two toilets and one sink in men's restroom, 2 toilets 2 sinks in women's restroom. They can use the medium shelter. Board members were talking about what surface will go around the pad. Mulch, concrete and grass were guessed. Kristy said she thought of artificial turf. Sue asked when construction could start. Bids for contractors go out next month.

- **Pineville Memorial Ballpark Lights:** PCAA has collected bids for installing lights at the ballpark. They are under contract now with Torrance. They are asking Mecklenburg County and the Town of Pineville to help fund the lights. They are asking \$100,000 from Meck. Co. and \$50,000 from the Town. PCAA would pay \$50,000. PCAA cannot grow without lights. They are at their full capacity right now. The town of Pineville will not commit to anything until Mecklenburg County agrees. Mecklenburg County has to take it before their Board of Commissioners in March or April. PCAA is hoping to have an answer so they can go before Pineville's town council in March.
- **Pineville Players Four Weddings and an Elvis Play:** The first weekend was a success with all shows being sold out or close to it. All shows had over 100 people. We have heard nothing but great reviews so far and that it is very funny. Ticket sales are looking good for the second weekend. The director started online ticket sales for this play to see how it would go. This is through the director's PayPal account and there is an extra charge.

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

- PCAA Spring Update: Their annual Spring Fling fundraiser will be held on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. They are going to have a field naming ceremony for the new tballs field in front of Pineville Elementary. They are naming them after Sylvester Perry and Scott Dover, which were both long time board members for PCAA.
- Council voted on and passed the increases of fees for pcaa registrations. They are still the lowest rates around but haven't been increased in 10 years.

#### **Advisory Board Discussion**

- Clay asked about shade structures at the Splash Pad. No money for shad. More water features instead of shade.
- Sue brought up that when she went to see the play that there were reserved seats. The first 3 or 4 rows were all marked reserved. She observed many people wondering how to get reserved seats.
- Next up: Easter Egg Hunt Party on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, Paws in the Park on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Richard Sheltra 5k, 10k on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, and our Spring Yard Sale on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- We will meet March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Belle Johnston Community Center. That meeting was cancelled. We decided on May 15<sup>th</sup>. See everyone May 15th at 6:30pm.

**Adjourn**—Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barbara seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.