



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 26th, 2019

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on February 26th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Barbara Manning and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

Attendees

Kristy Detwiler (staff)
Erin Hamilton (staff)
Heather Creech
Jordan Williams
Sue Bankston
Lorraine Haynes
Barbara Manning
Randy Brantley
Megan Bailey
Yvette Isaacs

Approval of minutes

Randy Brantley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27th, 2018 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Barbara, ayes by all.

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

- Events Update:

- Tree Lighting was December 1st and was held in the BJCC gym due to the weather. We were not able to have the snow or train. We still had entertainment, crafts, hot chocolate, and SANTA. We know we can make it work outside at the park with good weather.
- The Valentine's Banquet was February 8th. We had 160 people sign up and around 130 actually attended. Everyone seemed to love the magician.
- Bingo was on January 12th. We were full with 64 signups and had about 52 that actually attended. We played many different bingo games and a wide variety of people left with great prizes.

- Upcoming Events:

- Family Game Night BINGO – March 15th
- Paws in the Park: April 7th
- Easter Egg Hunt Party: April 13th
- Sheltra Race: April 27th

- Spring Yard Sale: May 4th
- **Splash Pad Update:**
 - The health department decided to treat the splash pad like a swimming pool. The plans failed the first time because the shower did not have a wall behind it along with a few minor things. The plans finally went through this week (Feb 25). The weather has put it back so much and created such a mud hole. Everything is ready to go, just need SUN!
- **Gym Floor Update:**
 - Construction on the new gym floor will start March 4th. It will take approximately 5 weeks. It will be a construction zone so no one will be able to get in the gym or anything. No exercise, No track, no nothing.
- **New Budget Items:**
 - Kristy had to submit her budget items for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. We want to update the master plan which will include another community survey.
 - We want an inclusive playground with ramps and features to accommodate everyone. Kristy will have to get several bids. Probably will be around \$150,000.
 - The Belle Johnston Center/Lake Park needs: a new roof, bottom half of center painted to get rid of the pink, grade the grassy area off Lakeview, and approve black trashcans to match the rest of the trashcans in the park.
 - New AC unit at the hut.
 - Finish sidewalk around the lake.
- **Rockin' & Reelin:**
 - We showed videos of some bands to get feedback on which bands the Park Board feels the community would like to see this summer and at Fall Fest. This will allow park staff to move forward with contracts for both events.
- **Fall Fest Survey Results:** Erin showed a PowerPoint with survey statistics and read some of the comments.
- **Fall Fest Discussion/Ideas:**
 - Kristy asked Ryan (Town Manager) if she could contact Pascal Events. Kristy and Heather met with Bryan Paschal. Bryan was familiar with the festival, he has attended, so they gave him the history of the festival and how it has changed/grown of over the years. He gave a lot of good advice. One suggestion from Ryan was making the event Thursday thru Sunday. Paschal said that would take away from Friday and Saturday crowds and he would not suggest adding days if your already not making any money. Paschal can help with the alcohol permitting if Council agrees to selling beer and wine. He thought it would enhance the event. His big areas of contribution will be sponsorship and marketing. He is well established with many contacts.
 - Megan asked what the promotions for sponsors are? Banners? They are on the t-shirts and postcards. Lorraine brought up Dicks being a sponsor since they have a new store. Megan can ask about Bojangles. Yvette says she's going to ask about Wells Fargo.
 - Kristy is meeting with Bryan Pascal again on Feb. 26th. We put a blurb in the newsletter about having a committee for Fall Fest.
 - Kristy gave out a Strawberry festival and Pineville fall fest comparison. It showed how Pineville fall fest has grown. Strawberry has much better land to deal with.
 - Lorraine asked about the ice-skating rink being a sponsor? Maybe talk with Marriott since they will be building a hotel here soon. Yvette has a contact. Maybe an avenue to pursue.

- I brought up Atrium and then Kristy brought of Novant, they have a few locations in and around Pineville.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Lorraine asked if there was a way to provide transportation for the Valentine's Event. There are many seniors who do not drive at night and that is the reason they do not sign up. The Dorchester does provide transportation for their residents. Maybe drive the van next year to pick up residents?
- Sue asked if we were going to get more features for the splash pad in the budget. Kristy said no, just the original 7 features will be there. There will be space made for other features to be added later.
- The Pineville Players production of "Waiting for a Fat Lady to Sing" was held in Late February/early March. They had a packed house the first Sunday but milder crowds the rest of the performances. Lorraine asked why she doesn't have the play at a facility with a stage. She can't find a facility anywhere in Pineville with a stage.
- We have new art boards coming to be installed at Lake Park. It will be several pieces of art with a description around the lake. They will hopefully be installed next week. This is a culture block program grant through the ASC. The art is coming from the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art. The art is high quality reproductions of select works. They will be temporary install through June.
- Randy asked if we could get more dog stations near the dog park.

Adjourn – Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.