



## **Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for November 1st, 2016**

### **Call to order**

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on November 1st, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

### **Attendees**

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

### **Approval of minutes**

Lorraine Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 20th, 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 introduces Sue Bankston as a new park board member. She is from Traditions. Also she introduces Barbara Manning as a new park board member. She is from Ridgely Green.
- Sidewalk Project was delayed because of the retaining wall at the far end. They found that there was no good soil. The new plan for the retaining wall is \$110,000. There will be a meeting with mayor and council members to decide what to do. It is open to the public and is on Thursday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm at the Hut.
- The PartF grant contract was signed in October meeting. The dog park has been surveyed and staked out for the fence line. Kristy is going to get fence bids from Mecklenburg County. We will need to clear underbrush and get a plumber out for a water protection. It is still unsure whether we will separate small dogs and big dogs or keep it all one are.
- Kristy is going to meet with the Mecklenburg County creator of splash pad. She is going to meet with health department and different companies for quotes. There has been no decision on which water system will be used.
- The new dinosaur playground equipment will be deliver the second week in November and installed shortly after by our maintenance staff. They will be taking out the big tires and putting the dinosaur there.

- Fall Fest – Best Ever! The crowd was amazing and the bands were awesome. There was \$40,000 sold in ride tickets. The crowd seemed to really appreciate the shuttles we had from the parking lot to the festival.
- Halloween Bash - \$5 wristbands were sold. They included all the bounce houses, games, costume contest, hayride, and cupcake walks. We had a good crowd. It was Friday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm
- Pineville Players are going to do a December Production: It's A Wonderful Life. It will be at the Hut the first weekend of December.
- Tree Lighting – This will be held Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> right off of Main St. There will be s'mores, train ride, snow field if weather permits, candy cane hunt, and entertainment.

Athletics/PCAA update, Erin Hamilton.

- There will be two more tournaments at Jack Hughes and then the fields close down for the winter and will reopen in mid-February.
- Soccer season ended the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. We hope to have more kids for the next spring season.
- PCAA ended their fall seasons with higher numbers than they have ever had in a fall season. They had more softball teams than ever before.

### Advisory Board Discussion

- Members brought up ideas for the dog park. Key Fob system which would include getting electricity to Dog Park and registering all animals. Maybe following Mecklenburg County rules. Will it be open to everyone? Could we sell sponsorships to put on the fences? Barbara talked about a 5\$ dog wash fundraiser to raise money or get people out to the new park when it opens.
- The Town Manager, Haynes Brigman, will be leaving to take the manger job for Harrisburg. We have an interim manager named Leman Brice. He is retired from Davidson.
- Rockin & Reelin discussion – It was a lighter crowd than past years. We talked about revamped the series and maybe knocking out the May concert. It was discussed to have more food trucks and maybe asking mayor/council to approve a beer garden. Merchants could run the beer sales. The board would have to back the decisions on alcohol.
- Lorraine brought up the idea of having ballroom dancing in gym once a month for adults. Maybe do a Friday or Saturday night. Charge a \$5 fee and wine sales could help.
- We will meet January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hut. See everyone Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Adjourn –Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Clay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.