



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 27th, 2018

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on November 27th, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Clay Perry and seconded by Barbara Manning.

Attendees

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

Approval of minutes

Clay Perry made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21st, 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:

- **Events Update:**
 - o Yard Sale: was very successful. All participants were happy and we rented out every table. The Kidney foundation came and picked up everything that wasn't sold so people do not have to take their stuff back home.
 - o Halloween Bash was cancelled due to the weather. We were going to move it to Jack Hughes.
 - o Fall Fest – great Friday night. Saturday morning was rainy. It finally cleared up by lunch. It was booming Saturday night. The chili cook off went very well. We had 6 entries and lot of the public came over to try them. It was very fun to watch.
- **Fall Fest Ideas:**
 - o The Town manager wasn't able to meet with us. We could maybe form a committee for new fall fest ideas. Members asked have mayor and council said what kind of ideas they want. Town manager said that Melissa wanted it more like the Strawberry festival and we do not have that much space. They have a golf tournament, beer, a 5K, a lot more room. Clay asked if we can sell beer, we can't but people can bring to our events. Council in the past has not wanted any sale of alcoholic beverages. Kristy asked if Barbara can find out how the greenway deals with alcohol at their concerts. The vendors sale it. But does the greenway get a percentage? Kristy mentioned that there is brewery coming to Pineville so maybe they could

be a part selling alcohol. Clay said the Strawberry Festival was all business vendors. Maybe bring back past entertainment. One year they had a craft for the kids? Painting pumpkins? Could do again?

- Randy asked if the vendors could be moved to different spot. Kristy said she would like to go all the way around the lake but people do not go around to them.
- Kristy added the big mural for kids to color on. We bought a bunch of markers for the kids to color whatever parts they wanted to. The mural was like 20 feet long and hung up in the large shelter at the family stage.
- **Rockin' & Reelin':** Kristy asked the board if their opinions on whether alcohol should be sold at the concerts but not the movies. Since the park is not gated, it may be hard to regulate people bringing their own alcohol in. We will start looking at bands for 2019 after the holidays. We did book the Jason Aldean Cover Band called Ultimate Aldean for August 2019.
- **Splash Pad:** You can see the shape of the pad now. They have laid the sewer line. The building has not begun yet because Mecklenburg County has decided to treat it as a pool which means the health department has to get involved. We do not know how long the holdup will be but maybe after January 1 all the papers and plans will be approved through health department. Hopefully it will not take long to begin construction once it's approved.
- **Gym Floor Update:** Heavy rains in July caused flooding in our gym. The rain entered the gym through the front doors adjacent to the parking. This set of doors sits below grade. When the water entered the gym it went under the floor. The original carpet floor was not removed when the wood floor was installed. Unknown to us the carpet soaked up the water causing wide spread damage under the floor. A few weeks later the wood floor started popping up. We immediately contacted our flooring contractor and he referred us to a restoration company. Restoration would be costly because moisture readings detected water covered about a ¼ of the floor. After cutting away a portion of the floor, we found standing water and layers of plywood, poly and the carpet. Kristy met with 17 different floor companies for solutions and quotes to try to restore the floor. After gathering quotes to repair vs. quotes for a new floor, it became clear that a new floor was the best option. The Town's insurance is a 50K deductible. While collecting bids for repairs and new floors we noticed the floor buckling up at the opposite end of the gym. Further inspection showed more moisture had entered through the foundation in another area that sits below grade. Mayor and Council decided a new gym floor would be the best solution, so Kristy will get at least 3 quotes for a new gym floor and present to Counsel at the December meeting.
- **PCAA Update:** Erin gave a handout that was given out at the PCAA Board Meeting. It had all of the numbers from the 2018 seasons with graphs showing the increase of numbers. They also added their financials with the lights being taken out of their budget.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - The tree lighting will be held on December 1st at Lake Park. If it rains, we will have to do it in the gym at the Belle Johnston Center. The event will be 3pm-5:30pm with the tree being lit at 5:30pm. We will have to hand out the s'mores in bags. We have had a lot of talk about why it was not being held on Main St. The parking lot is under contract so we couldn't have it there. We looked at the Fire Department and there was no irrigation and no electricity.
 - Senior Valentine's Banquet: will be held on February 8th, 2019 in the gym at the BJCC. We are going to have Bryan Saint, a magician for the entertainment. He was on the Pen and Teller show.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Lorraine suggested we try a jazz band at Rockin' and Reelin". There was jazz band at the Culture Bites event that everyone in attendance loved. Randy also brought up the idea of a Tosco night, which would be like 12 different acts in one night. It is a big variety of music and each act does 2-3 songs. It is usually a ticketed event and Rockin' and Reelin' is free.
- Randy asked about Splash Pad staffing. Also will there be charges to use the splash pad? Kristy brought up that Indian Trail's splash pad is free and open to public and is not staffed. But the downside to that was that the splash pad was closed for maintenance weekly due to problems.
- Lorraine mentioned that she couldn't imagine seniors liking a magician for their entertainment. Kristy said they have had a magician several times in the past and the seniors loved it.
- There was some talk with replacing the symphony with a new and up comer or a person whose career is on the down. The symphony is 10K and Kristy is worried that if she skips a year and tries to get them back it will be more expensive. Majority of the committee thinks the symphony should stay because it is very well attended and a great cultural event. It brings people from all around to eat, to buy gas, to shop, to stay at our hotels.
- We discussed all the new programs at Pineville P&R: Family game nights with bingo and trivia nights, youth flag football league, and more cooking classes. The Thanksgiving cooking class was a big hit!
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Adjourn – Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.