



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 19th, 2019

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on November 19th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Barbara Manning and seconded by Sue Bankston.

Attendees

Kristy Detwiler (staff)
Jordan Williams
Sue Bankston
Barbara Manning
Megan Bailey
Yvette Isaacs
Tad Hardy
Stacy Shatterly
Tristan McMannis

Approval of minutes

Tad Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2019 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Barbara, ayes by all.

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

- **Fall Fest Overview:** Friday night was a great night, rides bands needed to be cut off early and only gave 3-4 refunds because of lines. We started selling wristbands on Saturday this year from 10:00-3:00 and had a good crowd at the beginning of the day and the weather came in later in the evening. Jake Rose agreed to start his show earlier because of the incoming weather. He had a small crowd but it was raining. We shut down everything around 8pm and it started downpouring shortly after. We had close to \$7,000 in sponsorships overall and just over \$13,000 in vendor fees. Ticket sales were lower than normal but we did end earlier and the weather did not help.
- **Events Update:**
 - o Fall Yard Sale was successful. All table were reserved and we had great weather.
 - o Halloween Bash was on October 25th at Jack Hughes Park. We sold 130 wristbands. It worked really well at Jack Hughes with the multipurpose field and using the field lights. The hayride went around the stadium. We had the inflatables, cupcake walk, DJ, and costume contest.
 - o We tried a trial run Halloween flotilla at the lake. The staff carved 12 pumpkins and the pumpkins were attached to thick styrofoam sheets to have them float on the lake. Less than half actually floated. Next year we may need to do smaller pumpkins or bigger floats.

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - o Tree Lighting on 12/7 will be moving back to Main Street. We will be having Pineville Elementary doing Christmas carols, candy cane hunt, train ride, snow weather permitting, s'mores, bon fire, craft tent for kids, Mr. Nigel, visits with Santa. Santa lights the tree at 5:30.
 - o Holiday Pop Up Market: will be on December 7th and 8th at the Hut. It will be all craft vendors.
 - o Senior Valentines Banquet will be February 7th. We have not booked entertainment yet but will soon. Maybe do a ventriloquist or a band.
 - o Down to Earth Play: Pineville players will take place the last two weekends in February at the Hut.
- **New Roof:** The new roof was completed at the end of last week November 16th. The arches are black to match the new gutters. In the spring the bottom half of building that is pinkish will be painted to beige/gray.
- **Sidewalk Project:** The project started about one and half weeks ago. It should take them about a month to complete with weather permitting. The contractor is Kent Companies. We have worked with Kent Companies before on the sidewalk close to the playground. The new sidewalk will be one foot wider.
- **RFP Updated Master Plan:** The request for proposals (RFP) went out a few weeks ago on November 1st. They are all due at the end of the month. So far, we have not had any calls inquiring about it yet.
- **Playground Update:** \$150,000 was put into the budget for an inclusive playground. Kristy wrote a few grants to help fund the playgrounds. It will be a brand-new playground with some existing playground equipment being moved around. We received drawings from four different companies. They were passed around for the board to review. We are shooting for this being done by July 1st.
- **PCAA News:** The new restrooms will be finishing up in the next couple of weeks. Water and sewer lines were not where Charlotte Water said they were, so they needed to add more money and a pump. The Town did give them \$10,000 help cover those expenses.
 - o Stacy brought up the amount of car break ins that PCAA had over the last year. Kristy said that she has spoken with town about putting more lights in the parking lot between the Hut and the fields.

Advisory Board Discussion

- We have new programs starting in the new year. Cookie Decorating classes will start in January with winter cookie decorating. We will also have a February cookie decorating class with a Valentines theme. We will have a new Latin Line Dancing classes on Tuesdays at 6pm and Open Gym Dodgeball on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.
- Sue brought up how great the new gym floor looks. We have gotten countless compliments on them.
- Tristan asked if there was any interest from the community in having an ice rink or something to that effect. Kristy said she has looked into that but it is very expensive.
- Discussion led into if there was a preference in the playground renderings that were passed around earlier in the meeting. Music, Zip line, Shaded areas, Arch swing were some of the components that were discussed as being included into the playground based on the different renderings. Tristan asked if there was any discussion about building the new playground closer to the restrooms. Kristy said there was but because of the flooding and lack of drainage it would not work closer to the restrooms. She was advised not to build anything where that existing playground is.

- Kristy will start thinking about budget items for 2020-2021 fiscal year. So far she has: new splash pad features added, garage doors at Jack Hughes maintenance building, 16 passenger bus for fields trips and other things, and repaving the parking lot.

Adjourn – Tad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.