



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 19th, 2017

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on September 19th, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Clay Perry and seconded by Lorraine Hayes.

Attendees

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

Approval of minutes

Barbara Manning made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16th, 2017 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Bill Phillips, ayes by all.

Public Comment

- Tristan McMannis was in attendance at the meeting. He works for the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Commission. He lives in Traditions and wanted to stop by and let us know that if we need anything to give him a call.
- Joe Maxin was in attendance at the meeting. Joe lives in McCullough and is running for Town Council. He stated that he is an advocate for parks and recreation and told us about his exercise group F3.

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

- Splash Pad: Benesch was chosen as the group that will design Splash Pad. Kristy passed out different models for the board to see. These models will be voted on by the public. They will be posted in the BJCC and on Facebook. They will also be on display at October council meeting and a presentation will take place to see which design was most popular.
- Dog Park: Kristy gave updates on the dog park. Soon after the opening, we got a letter from Mecklenburg County saying the fence was impending on 45 ft. of land that was given to Meck. Co. So we lost the flat area at the top and had to shift the fence and entrance over. Kristy is going to get fence extensions for some of the fence poles that are too short. Our staff continues to work on the poison ivy in the park, leaking water fountain, buckets missing, etc.

- Fall Fest: Kristy went over the band lineup. The family stage would have Mark Lippard who walks on stilts, juggles, rides unicycle, etc. Also the Kazoo Man. The Variety Show will be a dog show. We asked the board members if anyone would like to work Fall Fest.
- Halloween Bash: The bash will be Friday October 27th from 6pm-8:30pm. We will be selling \$5 wristbands which will include hayride, inflatables, games, cupcake walk, and costume contest.
- Tree Lighting: The tree lighting will be Saturday December 2nd from 3pm-5:30pm. It will be in the lot beside the fire department where the old police station was. We will have snow beside the post office if weather permits, s'mores, carolers, hot chocolate and of course, Santa.
- BJCC New Hours: We started opening the BJCC Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays at 6:00am. We started this on September 1st. Hopefully more people can utilize this time for exercise.

Athletics/PCAA update, Erin Hamilton.

- Fall Soccer season did not have enough kids sign up for a league. We hope to have more kids for the next spring season.
- PCAA – Fall season started the week after Labor Day and the number of kids was good for fall season.
- Pickleball – New hours. In addition to our Monday and Friday mornings, we added Mondays 3:30pm-6:30pm and it has been very popular.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Sue asked if there was going to be more seating and dog stations added to the dog park. The benches are expensive but Kristy is working with the budget to try and get more seating in the park.
- Clay brought up using the water bowls that are connected to regular water fountains be put in the dog park to eliminate the water leaking from faucet.
- Joe suggested having the Pineville Players perform a short show/production at the Tree Lighting Event.
- Joe also talked about his fitness group F3 (Fitness, Fellowship, Faith). It is for only men and is held Monday morning at the Pineville Police parking lot. They are trying to get a female group called FIA started up as well.
- Sue asked what is next once the Splash Pad is finished. Kristy said expansions on the Belle Johnston Center.
- We will meet October 24th at the Belle Johnston Community Center. See everyone Oct. 24th at 6:30pm.

Adjourn –Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Clay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.