



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 24th, 2019

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on September 24th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:43pm by Barbara Manning and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

Attendees

Kristy Detwiler (staff)
Erin Hamilton (staff)
Clay Perry (chair)
Jordan Williams
Sue Bankston
Lorraine Haynes
Barbara Manning
Randy Brantley
Megan Bailey
Yvette Isaacs
Tad Hardy

Approval of minutes

Randy Brantley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25th, 2019 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Lorraine, ayes by all.

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

- **Events Update:**
 - o Family Fun Night: Bingo was on August 23rd. Registration was full but we did have a few no shows.
 - o Family Fun Night: Disney Trivia was on September 13th. We had 7 teams sign up. Teams had to be 2-6 people. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and have a great time.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - o Fall Yard Sale on 9/28
 - o Fall Fest on 10/18-10/19
 - o Halloween Bash on 10/25 will be at Jack Hughes on the multipurpose field.
 - o Tree Lighting on 12/7 will be moving back to Main Street. The contract fell through so the lot still belongs to the Town.
- **Algae in Lake Park:** Kristy told everyone about the blue green algae that Lake park has been tested positive for. Most days ours is not visible but if it is visible it is normally around edges and banks. We

have increased the fountain time to keep the water moving. There are solutions like a bubble machine which are \$1K for an acre which would be very expensive. We are going to wait for the temperature to drop. Once the heat goes away the algae will go away.

- **Splash Pad Update:** The Grand opening was on 7/18. Kona Ice came out to hand out free snow cones. The Mayor and town council came out to cut the ribbon. We will close on Monday September 30th. The splash pad company Vortex will come in and winterize it.
- **Rockin & Reelin Updates:**
 - o Charlotte symphony was on 6/30. It was amazing. Our park aide captured an amazing photo of the crowd from across the lake. They had to stop a little early due to weather.
 - o New kids on 7/5 had to stop early due to a storm.
 - o Mary Poppins on 7/26 was a normal crowd for a movie.
 - o Ultimate Aldean on 8/16 wasn't a great crowd. It was the first week of school, preseason game, Friday night football. We think these effected the crowd.
 - o Decarlo on 9/20 was a packed house. Yvette said she talked to many people who loved them.
- **Fall Fest Updates:** Our headliner Jack Rose will be here Saturday night. His single was released on the radio. We will be increasing up our social media for Fall Fest with sponsor posts, band posts, and other general information for the public. We have decided to also do wristbands on Saturday 10am-3pm. We hope this will help alleviate the lines from wristbands on Friday. We are going to have only one ticket booth on Saturday, normally we have two. Randy asked if the rides will be the same. Kirsty hopes to get the new roller coaster. The variety shows are a circus act and the Dakota in Friends dinosaur show. Yvette asked about alcohol sales. Tad asked about OMB being there and using their truck to sell alcohol.
 - o The board recommends that we try to get OMB. The board wants to go outside of Pineville to get alcohol – UNANIMOUS VOTE to try and get OMB, if not try for Anheuser Busch.
 - o So far we have \$5400 in sponsorships for Fall Fest. Atrium at \$2500, Novant at \$1500. Smaller sponsors are Greater Life Chiropractic, State Farm, Uplevel Martial Arts.
- **Culture Blocks:** These culture nights are jazz music played by different musicians. Some of these nights they have had around 40-50 people. They are always held at the Hut from 6:30pm-8:30pm and admission is free. Culture blocks happen all around Charlotte because of grants from the Arts & Science council. They help people who cannot make it to downtown charlotte for events. The art boards around the lake are part of a culture block grant.
- **PCAA News:** They have started the process if building the new bathrooms at Pineville Memorial Ballpark. They budgeted out enough money to cover the project but ran in a big problem. The sewer/water tap was more expensive than they thought. PCAA was expecting it to be around \$1500 but instead it looks to be about \$17,000. So they are asking the town to help them financially. They will have to go before council at the October council meeting.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Sue asked about the new playground. Kristy had to go back to the drawing board because of the flooding issues around the sidewalk and existing playground. We might have to relocate the new playground were the dinosaur currently stands. The dinosaur will then be relocated to an new lace as well.

- Cardio Funk is having their last class at BJCC tonight. Lem Houston is moving over to Middle James Brewery with a class called booze and moves. Yvette would like a yoga class later in the evening, 5:30pm is a tough time for people getting off work.
- Sue asked if everything has been ok with the dog park. Randy said there have been some aggressive dogs lately. Police can get there quickly if there are dog fights.

Adjourn – Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.