



## Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### Call to order:

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at the Belle Johnston Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Christine Turner and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

### Attendees

Matthew Jakubowski (Staff)

Caylene Brown

Yvette Isaacs

Erin Hamilton (Staff)

James Dinkler

Stacy Shatterly

Christine Turner (Chair)

Lorraine Haynes

### Public Comment: None

### New Business

#### Approval of minutes:

- i. Yvette Isaacs made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Caylene Brown, ayes by all.

#### Director Updates:

- i. Dog Park: Ryan Spitzer, town manager, has started quarterly town hall meetings. One thing that came out of the last meeting was having a small dog park area for small dogs. We are going to split the two openings and the small dog area will go down to the right side. The limit could be dogs 20 pounds and under. This will be put in our capital budget for the next fiscal year and hopefully happen by the summer.
- ii. LWCF Land Acquisition: Kristy Detwiler, former PR Director, was granted the 175K LWCF grant a few years ago for the land next to the dog park. The land has come back up for purchase. The Town of Pineville is very interested in purchasing this land since we have the matching grant for it. We could use it for disc golf, hiking trails, biking trails. It would be close to the greenway for easy access. Matt will email the LWCF plan to the board.
- iii. Fall Fest: was at Jack Hughes in 2022. It went back before council at their last work session. Fall Fest will stay at Jack Hughes and add Thursday night as well for a 3-day festival. We will offer wristbands on Thursday night. We are meeting with police to figure out better ways for parking and traffic.
- iv. Pickleball: Outdoor Courts will be built with ARPA funds, \$486K that must be spent by 2026. We are looking to add outdoor pickleball courts. We are looking to add 4 courts to the flat area by the large shelter at Lake Park. We will get multiple quotes and go from there.
- v. Fitness Court: Has been moved to a different location. It is going to be in the grassy area to the left when you drive in at the Belle Johnston Community Center. Hopefully we will have this finished by June. Matt will send the board renderings of the fitness court.

- vi. Splashpad: We have added three new shade structures. We are getting rid of the grass inside the fence and concreting it in. We are looking to get a wrap around bench along the fence to provide more seating. Weather issues have delayed the concrete being put in.
- vii. Electrical Boxes: We are looking to paint the electrical boxes/transformers around downtown Pineville, Jack Hughes, and Lake Park. Matt contacted Queens University art department and their college students will be painting the boxes. They must show us mockups before they paint.

#### **PPRAB Vacancies and Appointments:**

- i. James Dinkler has joined the PPRAB. He just moved to Pineville in March and grew up playing hockey at the Pineville Icehouse.
- ii. The PPRAB currently has 8 of 9 positions filled – engage with neighbors and community members.

#### **December/Holiday Programming**

- i. General feedback from board and community members:
  - a. Tree lighting: we didn't get to do the snow because it was too warm. 911 Dispatch had trouble hearing their calls with the music playing outside their building. They will try to soundproof the 911 dispatch room so they can hear emergency calls next year.
  - b. Caylene said the hot chocolate and smores ran out quickly. We had some issues with one of the water containers.
  - c. Parents were nervous about the lawn being so close to 51. When Santa pulled up the kids ran towards the road. Public Works has barricades that we could put up to help protect from the road next year.

#### **PPRAB Member Reports**

- i. Community Engagements:
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions: None

#### **Park and Recreation Department: Upcoming Events/Programs**

- i. Senior Valentines Banquet on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Easter Egg Hunt on March 25<sup>th</sup>
- iii. Youth Soccer league and athletics data
  - a. Spring Soccer registration is currently in process.
  - b. Adult Basketball registration is currently in process.

#### **Old Business - None**

#### **Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives**

- Yvette asked about the cone mill site being available for park space instead of the town selling it developers. Matt is willing to talk about this with the town manager.
- Yvette asked about the community garden that came up. Matt says she was a college student age lady. She doesn't have any help in organizing or volunteers to help her. We would not run this. We would help build it but not run it.
- Lorraine asked about the status of new chairs at the Hut. We still plan to purchase chairs for the Hut. It may have to be in the next budget year.
- Christine asked about the geese feces in the park. She asked if we are still using the dog company to get rid of the geese. We are still using the dog company. The geese have been coming and going. It is an ongoing process.

- Lorraine asked about any progress for renovations for the Belle Johnston Center. We are at the bottom for that in the budgets.

**Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings:** August 16<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Adjourn** – Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lorraine Yvette seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.