



## Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Call to order:

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Belle Johnston Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Christine Turner and seconded by Kris McVey.

### Attendees

Matthew Jakubowski (Staff)	Kris McVey (Vice Chair)	Lorraine Haynes
Erin Hamilton (Staff)	Randy Brantley	Yvette Isaacs
Christine Turner (Chair)	James Dinkler	Stacy Shatterly

Public Comment: None

### New Business

#### Approval of minutes:

- i. Christine made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16th, 2023 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Lorraine Haynes, ayes by all.

#### Director Updates:

- i. Fitness Court Update: All documentation has finally been passed through. The project will go up for bid on November 17<sup>th</sup> for a 30-day open period. We hope construction will start February 2024. The structure will be 32ft by 32ft.
- ii. McCullough greenway update: Money has been allocated for the greenway and we are under contract with Eagle Wood Construction. We hope construction will begin in January. It will take 8-12 months. We hope it will be ready by Fall Fest but should be finished by the end of year at the latest.
- iii. Jack Hughes Feasibility Study: The updated renderings do not have a track due to worries of the track not having enough use. The renderings show two large multipurpose fields, pickleball/tennis courts, and more parking. There will not be a baseball field. There is more demand for multipurpose fields.
- iv. ADA Playground: An attachment was sent to the board prior to the meeting to review. Pineville Resident Laura Stout went before Town Council at the October council meeting. She spoke about our playgrounds not being ADA compliant. Matt met with an ADA compliance officer, and we have completed many upgrades. We are in the process of building a bigger ramp for easier access. We hope to remove the mulch and use pour n play in the remaining playgrounds.
- v. Pineville 4 Miler: James and Christine participated in the race! We had around 110 registrations for the first year. Everything went well and the weather held off for most of the event. We ended with rain.
- vi. Fall Fest Recap: We had great numbers especially on Saturday, Saturday was slammed with people all day. Friday's crowd was definitely effected by the colder temperatures and rain. We had great bands

every night and the crowds were good for the bands. Parking was improved from last year. We had more of a flow and more people working in parking. We had three large shuttle buses running all day and night. One complaint we kept hearing was the price of ride tickets. We will lower the price next year. We make absolutely no money on Fall Fest.

- Lorraine said she thought it went better than last year. The layout for food trucks and stage were better. She likes it better at Jack Hughes Park.
- Yvette agreed and said she thought it went much better than last year. She likes it better at Jack Hughes Park.
- Christine said it differentiates from Arts in the Park festival being at Jack Hughes Park.
- Kris recommended the volunteers need to be more informed about what is going at the festival, where everything is going on, where tickets are sold, where restrooms are, etc. We will provide more information and a map next year.
- Randy said he heard people say they liked the addition of Thursday night.
- Stacy said she has heard good and bad things. Stacy asked why it was moved to Jack Hughes. She heard from the kids that they miss the Lake Park playgrounds and the stage. We do not have enough rides for big kids.
  - i. Walking the layout at Jack Hughes – it is entirely flat. The only thing that cannot be beaten is the stage. It flows better at Jack Hughes. Kids Zone in the middle of the field with vendors around.

vii. Athletic Recap:

- Youth Soccer ended with 247 registrations. 24 teams. We hope to add an older age group in the spring season.
- Adult Basketball – Ended with 11 teams in the fall league. This was the most teams we have had to date. Went very well and plan to continue in future seasons.
- Youth Basketball: 214 kids to 242 kids. 26 teams to 30 teams. Tried to find an additional gym but we are at capacity.

viii. RecDesk: We have signed a contract with RecDesk, an online registration software. We will have memberships for the Belle, online registration for all programs and athletics, and online facility reservations. We will go live on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Spring soccer will be the first big registration test for us.

ix. Possible Capital Projects: We have several capital budget items we look to ask for in the next budget year. We want to Pour and Play the playgrounds, New truck for Park Maintenance, New Kubota/Ranger for Lake Park.

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

- i. The PPRAB currently has 9 of 9 positions filled! The board is currently at full membership.

### **PPRAB Member Reports**

- i. Community Engagements:
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions:
  - a. Stacy would like to see an outdoor basketball court in Pineville.

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

- i. Annual Tree Lighting will be Saturday, December 2nd in front of Town Hall and Police Department. We will have a smore's bonfire, snow if weather permits, craft tent, bounce house. Biggby Coffee is going to handle the hot chocolate for the event as a sponsor. Pete's Red Hots will be selling hot dogs. Mr. Nigel will be the entertainment. We will have a REAL Santa Claus this year. We need volunteers if any board members would like to help.
- ii. Senior Valentine's Banquet will be on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We are having a Frank Sinatra entertainment with an Italian dinner.

### Old Business - None

### Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives

- Stacy asked about the social district and when it will start. It has passed through Town Council. We are now waiting for ALE and state to pass it. Every person who participates will have to have a certain cup that will be dated and time stamped. You can walk from downtown Pineville to Jack Hughes Park. Signage has to be put up and cups will need to be ordered.
- Music on Main will be Thursdays in the fall.
- Randy asked if the outdoor pickleball courts were still in a planning phase. The money allocated for courts was moved to the McCullough greenway project. We could make the pickleball courts a capital project next year.
- Christine asked about the sound for police at Tree Lighting. They put up sound proofing on their windows.

Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings: 2024 Dates: February 13<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>

Adjourn – Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lorraine seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

