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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 18, 2013

6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Melissa Thomas ~ Chair

Sandra Krasnow

Bruce Pennington ~ Absent

Verda Darrell ~ Absent

Barbara Glidden ~ Commissioner (BSL)

Suzanne Goffredo

Scott LaRocca

Maggie Della Badia

Note ~ Welcome to: New member Scott LaRocca
The Advisory Board is still looking for another member.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melissa Thomas at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Melissa Thomas added nomination and approval of new Chair and Co-Chair.

A motion was made by Sandra Krasnow and Seconded by Suzanne Goffredo to re-elect Melissa Thomas as the Chair.

Motion Carried 4-0

A motion was made by Melissa Thomas and Seconded by Suzanne Goffredo to nominate Scott LaRocca as Co-Chair.

Motion Carried 4-0

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion was made by Sandra Krasnow and seconded by Suzanne Goffredo to approve the June19, 2013 as written.

Motion carried 4-0

3. OLD BUSINESS

**Melissa Thomas asked Mary Green to update the Advisory Board.
Mary Green Explained ~**

1. PARKS AND RECREATION CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE ~

Parks and Recreation was approved in the budget for three Capital Projects this year.

The projects were:

A. The floating dock at Alton Lennon Park.

This project is ninety nine percent complete, they are waiting on a grab bar that was backordered. As soon as it comes in the project will be complete. There is an ability to launch a lot more boats now. It meets the goal of making the launch handicap accessible. The project came in well under budget.

Mary Green explained she discussed with Jeff Repp, in the spring if we stay under budget she would like to apply for a grant called "take me fishing". Which they have gotten several times and there is a continuation grant. It is a five thousand dollar grant and the match would be for twelve hundred and fifty dollars. With the grant they could build a T shaped fishing dock in Alton Lennon Park using no new money, it would be money already in the budget that was saved from the Alton Lennon Park Capital Project. Once the grant is applied for they will hear back in a couple of months. If the grant is approved, they will ask The Board of Commissioners if they can accept it. If it can be accepted, they will move forward in the spring with the T shaped fishing dock.

Mary Green thanked the Board of Commissioners for moving the floating dock project forward. It was an ADA Issue, it had a quick turnaround time of one year instead of three.

B. New fitness center equipment at the Community Center.

~ A new elliptical cross trainer and new treadmill.

The elliptical was delivered. They are still looking at selling the old one it is in working condition. This is the first year of a three year process of replacing the elliptical machines. She will request in the budget to replace one next year and one the following year. Then there will be eight years without having to replace any. They have just ordered the new tread mill.

C. Renovations to Snyders Park playground.

The equipment for the park has been ordered. There was an allotment of fourteen thousand dollars for this project. It will probably be the end of October before it will be installed, depending on availability from the manufacturer. All of the current playground equipment will be removed, basketball hoops will stay. The old equipment will be removed about a week before the new equipment arrives. The swings were able to be purchased from last year's budget.

2. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL UPDATES ~

Both programs are running pretty well. There are nineteen kids in the before school and twenty seven in the afterschool. The cap for Bolivia Elementary is twenty kids for each program. The school transportation system does not have any buses to be able to help. They are always looking for volunteers for the before and after school programs. There is a Middle School Madness Program, these kids would be good candidates for the Teen Council. They hope to grow the middle school program.

3. TEEN TASK FORCE ~

Mary Green explained~

There was a Teen Task Force Meeting held earlier today and it was fantastic. This Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Board of Commissioners had enough for thought to say we need this Teen Task Force. We need someone to head it and to look at what is happening in our community. The problems we are facing here they are also facing in the other communities around us. As it has developed they realized why are they doing this by ourselves? Lets get the other communities together. Then other partners, The Sheriff's Dept, Police Dept, The Chamber of Commerce. Mary Green explained she will no longer lead the Teen Task Force. The Teen Task Force nominated a Chair and members.

The New Chair is Suzannah Hicks Owner/Operator of Papa John's in Southport. The other members of the board are TK Nowell, Jason Tyson, Karen Sphar and there is an open seat, possibly to be filled by a parent.

This group is developing its own identity which will be very complementary to the Parks and Recreation Departments in the area. They will work with them.

Tuesday September 24th at 5:30 pm will be the next Teen Council Meeting at The Oak Island Teen Center. At that meeting they will start writing their own mission statement and have tangible things the Teen Council would like to accomplish between the meeting and December 31st. At a previous meeting with the kids there were very little program wants. They were more interested in volunteer opportunities and training how to seek volunteer opportunities. They are looking for opportunities to learn life skills.

4. NEW BUSINESS ~

Mary Green explained Recreation Resources out of NC State will be in the area. They will be doing some training with other advisory boards and asked if we would be interested in also hosting them. It is a free training. She will get more information for the October meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a free concert held at Spring Lake on Friday September 20, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ~ No Public was in attendance.

7. NEXT MONTHS AGENDA ITEMS

Update on Teen Task Force

Update on Snyders Park

8. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Scott LaRocca and seconded by Suzanne Goffredo to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 p.m

Respectfully submitted by: ~ Maggie Della Badia