



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

**9 East Boiling Spring Road
Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 2015 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Bob Stanley, Chairman, Sandra Krasnow (late), Bon Cantrell,
L. Paige Garza, Carolyn Doshier

Absent: Bruce Pennington, Janet Wall (both excused)

Commissioner Liaison: Mary Stilwell

Staff: Mary Green ~ P&R Director (absent), Pamela Bellina ~ Administrative Assistant

Mary Green provided an email and playground grant information prior to the meeting to be shared with the Advisory Board members.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Robert Stanley at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Bon Cantrell and seconded by Carolyn Doshier to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: 4 – 0; Motion Carried

Sandra Krasnow arrived at 6:33 PM

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Carolyn Doshier and seconded by Paige Garza to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes as written.

Commissioner Stilwell wanted to clarify a remark made by Commissioner Putnam who covered for her at the previous meeting. She explained that on page 4, Parks Inventory, it was

stated by Commissioner Putnam that the City was looking into acquiring some of the orphan lakes. Commissioner Stilwell stated that has not been decided and is very much up in the air. She further explained that the BOC is not looking into acquiring the lakes at this time, that it is a controversial issue and nothing has been done by our City manager or anyone else to acquire the lakes. Commissioner Stilwell stated that if the City does acquire the orphan lakes, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be the first to know.

Vote: 5 – 0; Motion Carried

IV. Public Comment ~ none

V. Old Business

a. Memorial Benches

Paige Garza inquired who would be eligible to sponsor a memorial bench and Bob and Bon replied anyone can. Paige further inquired if they had to be a resident or have any historical significance. Bob explained it can be a local business and Mary Stilwell stated it could be a family who lost a member of their family who lived here. Residency is not a requirement. Bon replied there were no criteria. Sandy inquired if there was a limit as to how many benches the City would have. Carolyn advised she spoke with Ann Medlin, Joe Medlin's wife. The benches Joe Medlin built are installed from the Cape Fear Restaurant down to Frying Pan restaurant and are bulkier. He would be available to build the benches sometime in November. They are wooden benches and are much bulkier than the benches at Waterfront Park. The benches at Waterfront Park are a simpler bench and were purchased from a company named Upbeat. Commissioner Stilwell suggested durability be a factor. Bob Stanley provided information about benches he found online. Carolyn was advised that Joe Medlin's benches will last approximately 10 years. Bon asked Carolyn if she could get prices and more information about Joe Medlin's benches.

A Motion was made by Bon Cantrell and seconded by Sandra Krasnow to table the matter until further information is obtained.

Vote 5 – 0; Motion Carried

Sandra Krasnow mentioned that the benches and tables behind the Community Center were made by prisoners and thought the Advisory Board should ask Mary Green if that would be an option.

b. Community Center Playground/Disc Golf Course

Mary Green provided information by email about this topic which Bon read into the record:

The disc golf course is on hold pending potential fundraising efforts by the Brunswick Disc Golf Association.

A playground grant became available through Trillium Health Resources and Mary will apply for it. It closes in October and the chances look good. Commissioner Stilwell reminded everyone that the budget has not yet passed for North Carolina.

c. Property Acquisition / Alton Lennon Expansion

The members discussed what direction to move toward to get this moving. Commissioner Stilwell advised the members they need to identify the parcels to be sold. Second, speak with Mr. Repp to determine if an appraisal is needed and then to identify the properties to be acquired and the value of same. Commissioner Stilwell also suggested contacting the property owners adjacent to the property to be sold to inquire as to their interest in acquiring the property. Paige also suggested acquiring an accurate value of the property on Alton Lennon.

Bon suggested the Advisory Board set goals for what they want to see the Board accomplish over the next year and then work toward fulfilling those goals. Paige agreed that it is important to set the goals but to also set rules attached to those goals so each can work independently then all members can share what they accomplished at each meeting. This utilizes each member as a resource. Commissioner Stilwell suggested a five-year plan but at one-year intervals. Paige offered to create for the Advisory Board a Google folder which will be a framework or graphic organizer to put ideas for goals. Between now and the next meeting everyone can add their ideas to the Google folder or email them to Paige and she will add them. At each meeting the Board can discuss the goal ideas in the document. The Advisory Board members were all in agreement with Paige creating the framework. Bon suggested the Board concentrate on big ticket items, property acquisition, relocate the community center along with low-cost ideas too.

d. Council of Government Land Use Plan

Tabled until next meeting.

e. 4th of July Festival

Commissioner Stilwell reminded that the 4th of July event will be this Board's event and planning by the members needs to start now. Paige suggested the way to get people to events is to get children's groups involved with the event.

A Motion was made by Bon Cantrell and seconded by Paige Garza to table items "a" through "e" to the next meeting.

Vote: 5 – 0; Motion Carried

VI. New Business

There was no New Business on the Agenda; however, Bon Cantrell advised the board members that he had the honor of participating in the interview process for the hiring of the new Recreation Program Supervisor for Parks and Recreation. There were 5 great candidates.

VII. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Setting Board Goals

VIII. Announcements

Bob Stanley announced The Hired Hands would be playing at the Free Friday Night Concert from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Paige announced she has a house for rent and to advise if any board members knew of someone interested.

Commissioner Stilwell mentioned two activities happening this Saturday: Special Events will be holding the 9/11 Memorial Bike Run at the Boiling Spring Lakes Fire Department with registration at 9:30 AM. There will also be a Bicycle Safety Day for children with helmet and bicycle giveaways hosted by The Warrior Ride and the BSL Police Department in the parking lot at City Hall.

IX. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Carolyn Doshier and seconded by Sandy Krasnow to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

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Pamela Bellina,  
Administrative Assistant