



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

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

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2017 6:30 P.M. City Hall

ATTENDANCE: Bob Stanley, Chairman, L. Paige Garza, Co-Chair, Bruce Pennington, Bon Cantrell, Carolyn Doshier, Kay Talbott

Commissioner Liaison: Mary Stilwell (absent/excused)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Vote: 6 - 0; Motion Carried

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Carolyn Doshier and seconded by Paige Garza to approve the February 15, 2017 minutes as written.

Vote: 6 - 0; Motion Carried

IV. Subcommittee Reports

- **Facilities Subcommittee**

Bon Cantrell wanted to suggest updating the basketball court and add fencing around the court at Schneider's Park. Bon heard remarks from residents close to

the park that there is a lot of unwanted activity going on there that Bon will speak with the Police Department.

- **Dog Park Subcommittee**
Will be discussed under New Business
- **Communications Subcommittee**
No updates at this time but Paige was interested in finding out how the Advisory Board can start to promote the Master Plan sessions.
- **Department Subcommittee**
No updated but Bob Stanley did hear from a few people that they were interested in having a drinking water fountain at Spring Lake Park.

V. Old Business

a. Dr. Herstine ~ Master Plan Update

Dr. Herstine provided the Advisory Board with a draft of Chapter 2 of the Master Plan and explained that as per his last meeting with the board, he came away with six categories listed in the chapter as follows:

- Goal 1: Facilitation of a Functional, Safe, Enjoyable and Inter-Connected System of Parks and Recreation Areas, Facilities and Open Space
- Goal 2: Identify Practical and Reasonable Alternative Sources of Revenue/Income
- Goal 3: To Acquire Suitable Land for Future Parks, Recreation and Open Space Areas and Facilities
- Goal 4: Accessible and Safe Programs, Services, Areas and Facilities
- Goal 5: Ensure Parks, Recreation and Open Space Areas and Facilities are Multi-Functional and Multi-Purpose
- Goal 6: Free, Easy and Open Access to the Waters and Shoreline of the “Big Lake”

Dr. Herstine went on to explain the goals listed were not in any specific order and if the board would like to change them around, to please advise. What he was asking for from the board was their comments, suggestions, changes and consensus that he grasped the broad goals of the Advisory Board from what was discussed last month. Paige asked about the wording of Goal 2, specifically the word “identify,” since she was not at the last meeting. Dr. Herstine explained that goal would be looking at grants, bond referendums as well as gifts and donations; basically any other way to garner alternative revenue/income as a means for funding land acquisition and facility

development such as PARTF grants or NC Div. of Coastal Management Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access grants. There are guidelines, which need to be met to qualify for these grants, and those guidelines need to be identified. Paige asked if specifics were needed in this Chapter as to language for acquisition of large parcels of land. Dr. Herstine explained that would be addressed in the Recommendations chapter and that Chapter 2 was an umbrella of all goals. Bon asked if Dr. Herstine would help us determine where to locate the facilities to which Dr. Herstine replied yes but it would be in broad terms.

The board went on to ask about focus groups and surveys to which Dr. Herstine replied there would be two (2) focus groups of seven to nine people who would be identified by Mary Green. Dr. Herstine would also be preparing a survey. Paige asked if he would consider having the surveys canvassed door to door because they have had a hard time in the recent past trying to get residents to answer surveys. Dr. Herstine said door-to-door canvassing was not budgeted but if the board could provide assistance, it could be performed. Kay asked if Dr. Herstine would let the board know if they were forgetting to consider something or were short-changing something to which he replied he would.

Dr. Herstine then went on to say the next purpose of his visit was to hear specific ideas from the board to move things forward. Kay mentioned they needed facilities on the 50 Lakes Road side of the city. Paige suggested acquiring land near the High School and Middle School to develop recreational sports fields and a community center within a safe distance of the schools with the ultimate goal to be the City and Schools working together to develop recreational sports for all ages. Bruce asked if the school fields could be incorporated with a new Community Center. Paige explained the schools have reached their maximum limit on the land they own and cannot support school activities. She thought it would make sense for the City and Schools to work together in achieving a basic common goal of athletic fields for both to utilize. Bruce suggested bringing a YMCA to the City but Dr. Herstine said the goal is for the City to develop facilities similar to a YMCA to generate revenue for the City. Bob said he would like to see a skate park and an off-leash dog park for the City. Carolyn suggested pickle ball courts since that is the fastest growing sport in the area. Bon would like to see multi-functional facilities and moving the Community Center to this side of Rt. 87. Dr. Herstine thought that all facilities should be multi-purpose and multi-functional to best support the City. Paige further suggested encouraging cultural facilities such as a stage or theater, open community space. Bob asked that Dr. Herstine remember to consider parking for parks and facilities as there is a shortage of parking. Bon further suggested acquisition of the land on Alton Lennon Road next to the park and Paige thought the City needed to acquire other access to the big lake.

Dr. Herstine thanked the board for their input and reminded them he welcomed contact anytime with more suggestions.

b. 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget

c. Summer Camp

Both topics above were tabled to the April meeting as Mary Green was not in attendance.

d. Dog Park Subcommittee

Will be discussed under New Business.

VI. Public Comment

Ron Combopiano of Forest Lane asked when the music events in the City would be taking place. The board advised him to contact Mary Green as she schedules the free concerts in the summer. Pamela also advised the Special Events Committee would be holding a Music Festival that takes place on June 17th. Mr. Combopiano further advised he was in favor of a dog park.

VII. New Business

a. Subcommittee Goals

- **Facilities Subcommittee**
 - **Dog Park Subcommittee**
- **Communications Subcommittee**
- **Department Subcommittee**

Paige advised she spoke with Jill O’Leary, Chair of the Dog Park Subcommittee, and showed a draft of a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation is in its beginning stages and the dog park subcommittee is requesting the board’s input for further development of the presentation so it can go before the Board of Commissioners. Paige reviewed each page of the presentation and explained to Dr. Herstine the BOC’s requirement of questions ask by them to be answered before they would commit to the dog park. Paige also explained the BOC’s reluctance in the past to permit a dog park when they had full support and donations from residents and local organizations. Dr. Herstine thought the restrictive language in the presentation would prevent usage of the dog park and suggested having someone from a town where their dog park was successful attend a BOC meeting to help educate the Commissioners on the success of their dog park. Dr. Herstine also suggested waiting until the Master Plan was developed to help aid the dog park subcommittee in their quest for a dog park. Paige ended by asking the board members to review the subcommittee’s presentation which is on Google Docs drive, provide their comments and to help make sure all of the BOC’s questions are answered in the presentation.

Bruce Pennington departed the meeting at 7:43 PM.

VIII. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Parks & Recreation Master Plan
2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget
Summer Camp
Dog Park Subcommittee Presentation Review

Kay advised she would not be in town for the next meeting.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements.

X. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Kay Talbott and seconded by Paige Garza to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Vote: 5 – 0; Motion carried

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Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Bellina
Administrative Assistant