



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

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

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes July 19, 2017 6:30 P.M. Community Center

Attendance: Bob Stanley, Chairman, L. Paige Garza, Co-Chair, Bon Cantrell,
Carolyn Doshier, Dory Manz

Absent: Bruce Pennington (excused)

Commissioner Liaison: Mary Stilwell (excused)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Stanley called the 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 Bon Cantrell and seconded by Paige Garza to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: 5 - 0; Motion Carried

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bon Cantrell and seconded by Carolyn Doshier to approve the June 21, 2017 minutes as written.

Vote: 5 - 0; Motion Carried

V. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Reports

To be discussed under New Business c.

b. Muse Park PARTF Grant

Mary reiterated that public input is a big part of the PARTF grant process. Public meetings will be planned and Mary asked the members to start inviting people to attend. She also explained that a survey would play a big role that she thinks will be going out late August/September. Mary encouraged the members to visit Muse Park to determine what was needed at the park and to visit other parks to get ideas.

Mary advised there was recently some vandalism at Muse Park to one of the basketball backboards so she was aware a new backboard was needed. The Police are investigating the matter and will hold the person(s) accountable for the vandalism. She believes there was about \$1,000 worth of damage.

Paige asked Mary to come up with a one-line question about the park. Mary's response was, "This is a great opportunity to put a new face on a park. What do you want it to look like?" Bob mentioned he keeps hearing from residents about installing water fountains at Spring Lake Park. Bon reminded the members about the email he sent out recently and advised he is still waiting on the skate park information from his friend who participated in getting one installed in his town. Carolyn advised she heard from many people who would really like to see a pickle ball court here.

Resident John Muldowney, Seminole Lane, asked if there was undeveloped space at the park. Mary advised there was good opportunity there to expand the park.

Paige asked what was needed from the committee. Mary said to get the word out about the survey and the public meetings for Muse Park.

Resident John Muldowney asked what the deadline was for the grant. Mary said typically January but this past year it was not until April because the legislature had not voted on funding.

Paige said she would schedule a Facebook post about the survey. Dory mentioned the website NextDoor.com where Boiling Spring Lakes was listed. It is a website to ask questions, convey information or sell items to residents who have signed up in your "neighborhood." There are different categories such as recommendations, classifieds, lost and found and general notices and it could be another way to communicate with the residents. Bon read a post from someone on NextDoor about the community trail who offered their help in maintaining it. Mary advised the State of NC owns most of the trail.

c. Fifty Lakes Road Project

Mary brought the committee up to date on the project. The City Manager provided Mary with a copy of the proposal for paving Fifty Lakes Road and a second proposal for paving Fifty Lakes Road with bike paths/walkways. There was a \$45,000 difference between the two proposals. Mary further advised there was a developer interested in purchasing 159 lots and 117 acres surrounding Fifty Lakes Road. The developer requested from the County to have sewers installed for this development area. In light of this proposed development, the City will be putting the repaving of Fifty Lakes Road on hold until the finalization of the negotiations between the developer and the County.

Mary also hoped that the developer would donate some of the land to the City to develop recreation areas.

VI. Public Comment

John and Laura Muldowney, Seminole Lane ~ advised in the past they had many problems living next to Seminole Park but they are very thankful for the light that was installed as it was keeping some of the unwanted activity out of the park. More families have been enjoying the park, which also helped. Their suggestion was to advertise the park in the hopes of getting more and more families to visit the lake. Mary thanked the Muldowneys for their feedback and encouraged them to call the police whenever they saw unwanted activity in the park. The Muldowneys also asked if the neighborhood watch was still in effect which Mary advised them to speak with the Police Department. There was also discussion about proper signage at the lakes to attract correct user groups such as dogs allowed at North Lake Park. Paige suggested advertising the highlights of each of our parks, which should help get the right people visiting them. Mary advised she had new signs coming in this week.

VII. New Business

a. Vote new Chair and Co-Chair

Mary went over the responsibilities of the Chair and suggested, to help lessen the burden on the Chairperson of attending two meetings a month, the members rotate reporting at the BOC meeting. Mary thought this would be a good way for the BOC to get to know each person on the committee. Bon nominated Paige as Chair and he offered to be the co-chair. Paige explained everything she has on her plate and why she cannot at this point take on the Chair position but offered to stay on as co-chair. Dory declined the chair position as she felt she was too new to the committee. Carolyn advised she was saving her news for announcements that she would be resigning from the board because she had taken a full-time job in Carolina Beach. Paige nominated Bon as Chair.

The following members seconded the nomination: Carolyn Doshier, Paige Garza, Bob Stanley and Dory Manz.

Bob Stanley nominated Paige Garza as co-chair.

The following members seconded the nomination: Carolyn Doshier, Bon Cantrell, Bob Stanley and Dory Manz.

Bon Cantrell and Paige Garza accepted the nominations.

The members discussed which month they would take to report to the BOC. Bob took August as he can report to the BOC voting of a new Chair and will also advise of the rotation of reporting duties. Bon will take the September meeting, Dory will take the October meeting and Paige will take the November and December meetings.

The members also discussed the desire to permanently change the time the committee meets to 6:00 PM. Pamela reminded the members that would require a change to the Ordinance and that a recommendation would have to be made to the Board of Commissioners. She further advised another committee wished to make a change to their Ordinance so it would be good to have the requests made at the same BOC meeting. Pamela will coordinate the requests.

b. Re-establish Subcommittee Members

Paige reviewed each subcommittee's function and asked the members which subcommittee they wished to serve on. Paige would like to stay on the Communications subcommittee. Dory would like to serve on the Department subcommittee so she can work on grants. Bon wanted to stay on the Facilities subcommittee. Bob wished to be on the Facilities subcommittee. Bruce can decide on which subcommittee he wished to serve. When the two new members are appointed, they will be asked on which subcommittee they wished to serve.

c. Subcommittee Goals (break-out session) and Report

The subcommittees entered into a breakout session to discuss their goals. They reported back as follows:

Communications: Paige will re-establish the feed on Facebook about the Advisory Board meeting dates. She will also put out a feed on Facebook for the following: North Park allows dogs and the Parks and Recreation Department has kayak rentals available. Pamela will share those Parks & Recreation Facebook feeds on the City's Facebook page as well.

Department: Dory will meet with Mary for orientation of the Parks & Recreation Department. At that meeting, another meeting will be set for Mary and Dory to discuss the PARTF grant as well as other items.

Facilities: Bon and Bob will tour the parks to determine maintenance issues and will meet with Mary to discuss. They will also work on a design concept for Muse Park as well as possible upgrades to Schneider's Park.

VIII. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Mary requested to add to the agenda every month under New Business “Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events” because she would like to discuss the events with the committee and feels they do not get the attention under the announcements.

Paige requested that Subcommittee Reports and Subcommittee Goals be combined and added to the agenda every month under New Business.

IX. Announcements

Carolyn announced she would be resigning from the committee, as discussed earlier. She hoped to stay on another month but was unsure at this moment. She will advise the City Clerk of her resignation.

Mary advised there would be a Wakeboard Competition this Saturday, July 22, at Alton Lennon Park. Registration is at 8:00 AM and the competition starts at 9 AM. There were currently 35 wakeboards signed up and Mary expected same day sign-ups too. Shred the Gnar, a wakeboard school in Wrightsville Beach, NC, was hosting the event.

A free concert at Spring Lake Park featuring Soul on the Beach was also on Saturday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Seafood Hut food truck will be at the concert and at the wakeboard competition too.

The next concert will be on August 5 featuring Dale Flaverney, a steel drum musician. That concert will be from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Spring Lake Park.

The Parks & Recreation Department is hosting an eclipse event on August 21 called “Eclipse the Lake.” The event starts at 1:00 pm and encourages all floats, paddleboards, kayaks, surfboards to float on the lake during the eclipse. Admission is free but there will be VIP tickets available for \$10 each that includes dedicated parking, food, drinks, swag bag, eclipse safety glasses & prize giveaways. Mary advised the next solar eclipse would not be until 2024.

X. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Paige Garza and seconded by Carolyn Doshier to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Vote: 5 – 0; Motion carried

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Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Bellina
Administrative Assistant