



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 East Boiling Spring Road
Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2019

6:00 P.M.

City Hall

Attendance: Tom Guzulaitis, Chairman, Dory Manz, Vice Chair, Bruce Pennington, Lisa Wrenn

Absent: Phil Casper (excused)

Commissioner Liaison: Dana Witt

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

I. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Guzulaitis called the monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

Bruce added to the agenda under New Business, d., Wake Boats and Tom added to the agenda under New Business, e., Vote Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Bruce Pennington with a second by Dory Manz to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: 4 - 0

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bruce Pennington with a second by Dory Manz to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes written.

Vote: 4 – 0

IV. Old Business

a. North Lake Property Acquisition

The City is in the process of acquiring the parcel of property owned by Brunswick County as well as the parcel that is in a trust. The trust property has deed issues because all heirs and their spouses will have to sign off on the deed. Tom has spoken with the agent for the first lot on the corner of Lakeview and East Boiling Spring Road but has not heard back. The parcel was listed for sale at \$10,000; however, half of the parcel washed away from Hurricane Florence. Tom asked if the owners would consider tax value for the property. Tom will follow up with the City Manager and the agent again. As to the last parcel of property, the City has not approached the owners yet to discuss acquiring that parcel. Mary noted that once the City is able to acquire the last two lots, all the parcels on Lakeview Road will be park and the amenities can then be expanded. Mary thanked the Advisory Board for pushing this topic forward with the BOC.

b. Pets in the Parks

Commissioner Witt suggested the Advisory Board table this discussion until the lakes are back and North Lake Park is restored. The Advisory Board members were in agreement with her suggestion.

c. Pedestrian Plan

The Parks & Recreation Director advised the Steering Committee kick off meeting is tomorrow night. A representative from the NCDOT and AECOM (urban planner) will be there along with the steering committee Tom put together. At this meeting, Mary hopes the two public input meetings will be determined. Tom will provide an area driving tour with the NCDOT and AECOM representatives prior to the start of the meeting so they have a good idea of where the City wishes to have pathways: East Boiling Spring Road to Alton Lennon, Fifty Lakes to Cougar Road and around Spring Lake. In a perfect world, this would be where the City would have pedestrian or bicycle facilities to interlink parks, the school system with the commercial corridor and this building and the community center. Once we have this plan, as funding becomes available, we might have a chance to get the funding. Once we have the plan for 87 and once businesses go in, they will have to put sidewalks in or give money to the city to install sidewalks.

NCDOT has just unveiled a new program called Complete Streets which, when it receives its full funding, will be when new state roads are put in they will have pedestrian and bicycle options with them. The great thing about this is the next time they pave E. Boiling Spring Road, Route 87 and Cougar Road, it is much more likely that we would have state funded bicycle lanes or sidewalks along those roads.

d. Muse Park Redevelopment

The Parks and Recreation Director noted she did have disappointing news to share. Mary assumed that she would be able to redevelop the park as is with just a flip-flop of where the playground would be located. Unfortunately, the park must be redeveloped to the current zoning and comply with the UDO. The issue with the parcel is it is a double frontage lot and requires a 75-foot setback on each side at the right of way. Mary met with Nicole Morgan, Planning & Zoning Administrator and Jeff Repp, City Manager. They suggested a text amendment to a 50-foot setback on East Boiling Spring Road and a 75-foot setback on Miller Road. Mary believes the text amendment should go before the BOC at the October meeting and once it is approved, she will have to go back to the Planning Board in November and then back to the Engineers/Planners of the park. She hopes to break ground in January.

Tom asked if going for a variance might not be a better way to handle this instead of a text amendment. Mary noted that Jeff and Nicole suggested the text amendment.

e. Report at BOC Meeting (review and remind)

Tom explained to Lisa how they rotate Advisory Board members to report at the BOC meeting. Dory will report at the October meeting. Tom will report at the November meeting unless Bruce is available. Lisa will take a future date once she is more comfortable.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. New Business

a. Parks & Recreation Monthly Department Report

Mary provided the Advisory Board with the August 2018 department report along with the August 2019 department report. The Parks and Recreation Director noted the biggest increase since last year was the after school program. This year they have 22 kindergarten to second graders, 14 third to fourth graders and 6 middle school children. Tom noted the City would grow once the new development goes in. Mary would like to have a feasibility study done next year. When she was first employed by the City, the population was mostly seniors. It then grew into households with children. Now she is seeing the trend of households with aging parents. This month Mary had 59 seniors for lunch, 12 of which were transported to the Community Center and one person she contracts transportation for because she is wheelchair bound and Mary does not have the ability to transport wheelchairs. Mary advised they need to start planning now because in three to five years, if not sooner, the Community Center will not be adequate and a new facility will be needed. The Parks & Recreation Director did note how much further ahead the City is than other cities this size and that is because the Board of

Commissioners has supported her department. Dory commended Mary on her smart growth of the Community Center.

b. Parks Police Report

Mary advised she did not receive a report for this month.

c. Subcommittee Reports and Goals

- Facilities; Communication; and Department Subcommittees

Tom explained to Lisa Wrenn, the newest member of the Advisory Board, about the subcommittees and what each subcommittee basically does. Mary will provide Lisa with a detailed description of each subcommittee and Lisa can then choose which subcommittee she wishes to serve on.

d. Wake Boats

Bruce introduced this subject because he feels the Advisory Board should take a stand on wake boats before the Big Lake comes back. Wake boats are eroding the shoreline of the Big Lake and Bruce feels they should be banned from use on the Big Lake. Bruce explained wake boats are used for sport such as water skiing and the wakes caused by the boats erode the shoreline and could cause damage to the docked boats. Tom visited Smith Mountain Lake and noted how badly the shoreline was eroded from wake boats. Mary thought that since there is no data for the committee members to review tonight, she suggested that Bruce obtain some visuals to show the committee and Tom get some information about how Smith Mountain Lake is handling wake boats. The Parks & Recreation Director also suggested now was the time to look into stocking the lakes and storm water runoff into the lakes. Dory noted her property is damaged from storm water runoff from the street into the lake where a big gully is now entrenched between her lot and Bruce's lot. Lisa asked who patrols our lakes, Fish and Wildlife. Mary noted that Fish and Wildlife have been known to be on the lake but they do not patrol our lakes. The City and the Police Department do not patrol the lakes. The Police, however, can apprehend someone as they bring in their boat because there is only one boat launch on the Big Lake.

e. Vote New Chair

Tom Guzulaitis and Bruce Pennington nominated Dory Manz as Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Dory accepted the nomination.

VIII. Next Meeting Agenda Items

North Lake Property Acquisition

Pedestrian Plan
Muse Park Redevelopment
Wake Boats

IX. Announcements

Mary announced the Appearance Commission is hosting the Candidates' Forum on October 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.

Because Tom Guzulaitis and Commissioner Witt will be speaking at the Candidates' Forum that night, the Advisory Board has rescheduled their October meeting to Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Mary also announced that Trunk or Treat would be on October 31, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Spring Lake Park. She noted candidates are welcome to hand out candy, shake hands, have one political sign but they cannot hold up the line. Mary asked the committee to spread the word about having a car at trunk or treat and those cars should be in place and decorated by 5:10 PM.

Bruce asked if the City would be mowing the lake before it comes back. Mary was unaware of what the plans were and Commissioner Witt advised the USDA gave the City a grant to remove large debris in the lakebed.

X. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Dory Manz with a second by Bruce Pennington to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Vote: 4 - 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Bellina
Administrative Assistant