



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

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

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Steven Dunn, Bruce Pennington, Barbara Snyder, Chasity Rosebrock

Commissioner Liaison Tom Guzulaitis and Parks & Recreation Director, Mary Green

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:02 pm by Bruce Pennington.

II. Introductions

New board member Chastity Rosebrock introduced herself and talked about her background. Members welcomed her aboard the P&R Advisory Board.

III. Approval Of Agenda

A Motion was made by Barbara Snyder to Approve with the addition of Old Business, Item D – Watercraft Launch Areas with a second from Chastity Rosebrock.

Vote 4-0

IV. Approval Of Minutes

A Motion was made by Chastity Rosebrock to approve the minutes as written with a second by Barbara Snyder.

Vote 4 – 0

V. Director's Monthly Report

No Report Given

VI. Committee Reports

Communications – No Report Given

Facilities – Bruce Pennington did a parks tour and gave a report on conditions:

Spring Lake – Looks great, very busy on weekends.
Community Garden – Has been mowed but needs attention
Schneiders Park – New basketball court and hoop look fantastic
Seminole Lake – Looking better but much erosion on the beach. Should be addressed with Public Works and Corp of Engineers as soon as possible.
Mirror Lake – Looks great, nice fresh coat of paint.
Muse Park – Needs attention but is very busy.

VII. Public Comment

Dorothy Roberts of Eden Drive spoke about the issues/concerns/needs at Seminole lake. Ms. Roberts stated that horses, ATV's, kayaks and dogs frequent the park and lake and that is against the ordinance. She also spoke about concerns with the growing aquatic vegetation and the lack of grass carp in the lake. She believes that kayaks are not allowed since there is no boat launch and there is not enough room to safely have both kayaks and swimmers in such a small area. She did state that police patrols are working to curb some of the issues in the park.

VIII. Old Business

Community Center Operations - Parks & Recreation Director updated the board on the reduced operational hours of the Community Center during COVID 19 phase 2. Community Center hours of operation have been cut to Monday – Friday 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Closed Saturday & Sunday. When the state moves into Phase 3 hours will extend to 7:00 PM.

Pedestrian Plan – Parks & Recreation Director announced final draft of Comprehensive Plan in underway with steering committee members and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members having until 5:00 PM on July 17th to make any comments on the online document. Final public meeting is being plan for late August & to the Board of Commissioners for approval in September.

Muse Park Redevelopment - Parks & Recreation Director announced that the final stages of planning are complete. Board of Commissioners will look at moving forward with funding the project in early 2021.

FY 2020-2021 Budget – Budget approval was made by the Board of Commissioners in June 2020. Parks & Recreation Director is pleased with the overall budget but concerned with the staffing freeze with overall operations. She explained that the hiring freeze was due in part of the potential shortfall of sales tax revenue from the State of NC. Hiring freeze and postponed projects will be re-evaluated by the Board of Commissioner in January 2021.

Report At BOC Meeting: July – Chastity Rosebrock, August - Barbara Snyder

Watercraft Launch Areas – Parks & Recreation Director, with direction from the City Manager, asked the board to look at City Ordinance Sec. - 10.82 specifically item 4 – watercraft launching area. The Parks and Recreation Director explained that in a meeting with the City Manager and Police Chief that staff believes a watercraft launch area for canoes and kayaks could be added at Seminole Lake and Mirror Lake to delineate an area for swimmers vs. the

launching of kayaks/canoes. Since no motors are allowed on these lakes, the need for a trailer backing area would not be necessary. The Director also explained that staff will be working to “clean-up” the language in the ordinance to eliminate confusion on kayaks and canoes.

Discussion on Watercraft Launch areas – Bruce Pennington asked if this item has to go through the Board of Commissioners. The Parks & Recreation Director stated since the ordinance was not being changed it did not. Clarification of the ordinance will be made and buoys and signs will clearly mark the areas in which we would ask public to use to launch canoes and kayaks. Steve Dunn asked if the area was large enough to accommodate both swimmers and kayakers. The Director stated there have certainly been complaints at the lake from adjacent property owners but no such complaints have been received by the public using the park. Barbara Snyder ask if it should it be a swimming only lake. The Parks & Recreation Director explained that it could become a swimming only lake, but it would have to be that for both the public and adjacent property owners as well. The Director further stated she would not recommend removing water craft rights from property owners. Many purchased property there for just that reason.

A Motion was made by Barbara Snyder with a second by Chastity Rosebrock to develop official launch areas at Seminole Lake and Mirror Lake with appropriate signage and buoys separating the launch and swimming areas and for staff to clean up the language in Sec. 10.82-4. No further discussion.

Motion passed 4 – 0.

IX. New Business

Current Police Building – Director asked Commissioner Guzulaitis to give a report on the current police building. Commissioner Guzulaitis explained that funding is being secured to turn the current police building into an auxiliary recreation facility when the police department move into their new building across Hwy 87. Potential uses would be for before & after school programs, teen activities and computer lab. Commissioner Guzulaitis suggested a tour of the current police facility at the September 16th meeting.

X. Next Meeting Agenda Items

This topic was not discussed.

XI. Announcements

Commissioner Guzulaitis gave an update on the Sanford Dam project.

XII. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Barbara Snyder with a second by Chastity Rosebrock to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Vote 4 – 0

~ Minutes prepared by Parks & Recreation Director Mary Green