



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 East Boiling Spring Road
Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM
City Hall

Members Present: Barbara Bennett Snyder, Sheryl Johnson, Joene Williamson,
Stephen Dunn, Bruce Pennington, Marsha Stone

Member Absent: Chastity Rosebrook (excused)

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

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Barbara Snyder.

II. Introductions:

Youth Program staff was definitely unable to attend meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Sheryl Johnson to approve the agenda, second by Stephen Dunn.

Vote 6-0

IV. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Sheryl Johnson to approve the minutes with a second by Marsha Stone.

Vote 6-0

V. Director's Monthly Report

A presentation on screen by the Director of Parks & Recreation covered many things including upcoming need to discuss budget matters, loss of grant that we hoped for, and the closure of the before/after school program/camp because of Covid positive counselors. The complete report can be obtained. Mary also gave many thanks to the First Baptist Church for coming to the aid of the Senior programs which needed a place to meet when the center was closed.

VI. Committee Selection & Reports

A. Communications – Barbara is forwarding anything she gets from Sarah and posting on the appropriate forums/sites.

B. Facilities – Stephen says North Lake is eroding, suggests perhaps a trench drain be installed. Mary will check in with Public Works to see if they can help. Tom will bring it to Jeff's attention. Mary asked Tom about the long term solutions that might already be in the works. Tom responded that the Board of Commissioners workshop on Monday morning at 10 am will be addressing drain projects and the sewer project.

C. Department – Mary says that this committee will have things to do soon, as much of their work is Budget based. With Covid restricting things there has been nothing for them to do as of yet.

VII. Public Comments

No public present

VIII. Old Business

- A. Pedestrian Plan Presentation
i and ii - Active Transportation Committee and How to Proceed

Mary asked Tom "what will it be, do?" Much discussion ensued as to whether this should be a separate committee or a sub-committee of the Advisory Board. Barbara suggested that the Committee be separate but work together with the Advisory Board. Stephen agreed to be the liaison.

- B. Learning Garden

We did not receive the grant that Mary applied for under the CARES act, so it is up to the city, and volunteers, to continue with this project. We need to help the Eagle Scout, Cameron

Troscianic, who will remove the raised beds and any wire, and make way for Public Works to level the area and kill the weeds. Mary suggests that the walkway areas be lined with landscape fabric to discourage weeds. Bruce and Tom offered to talk to area builders for donations of materials.

C. Muse Park PARTF Update

Parks and Recreation Trust fund, with a 2018 Grant, houses the funds to renovate Muse Park. It is broken into 3 Phases. The third phase bids will be read aloud on February 8 at 10AM, after which the winning bidder should break ground in approximately 30 days. The goal is to have the Park ready to go by the end of May. A more detailed account of the phases can be accessed online.

D. BOC Review and Remind

Stephen will attend the February Commissioners meeting and give the report. March will be Sheryl, and April will be Joene.

IX. New Business

A. Shadow Lake

This was tabled last meeting because it was brought up originally by Joene and she was unable to attend the November meeting. Mary showed the Google GIS image of parcel 157FA010, which is the city's parcel that connects to Shadow Lake. Discussion ensued about whether a path to that lake is something we want to pursue. Joene pointed out that we are losing access to many of the lakes due to overgrowth and the public's lack of knowledge that there is public access. Joene put forth that if we do not preserve green space then we will lose it, and the opportunities for recreation that it holds. Tom agreed that we need to look into these accesses throughout the city, and assess which ones we would like to ask to improve. Bruce asked that we table the discussion until next month so members had time to look at this particular lot, and/or others in the city as well.

A Motion was made by Bruce with a second by Sheryl to table this discussion until next month.

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B. Covid 19

Mary informed us that there was active Covid among the P/T staff in the virtual program at the Community Center. This then shut down the virtual program, but not the whole center. There was misinformation on the internet that was squashed as soon as it was seen, and correct information was disseminated.

C. 2021-2022 Fee Schedule

The Department subcommittee needs to have their recommendations ready by Feb/March.

D. 2021-2022 Budget

This is the same scenario as the fee schedule. Mary reiterated that we need to think about putting money aside for the renovations of the old Police Station. Tom let us know that it would be about a year before the new station would be ready.

X. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Shadow Lake

XI. Announcements

Stephen announced that Tuesdays at 10AM at the Community Center there will be a Silver Sneaker Stability Class. Members of Silver Sneakers will not be charged, all others will pay \$1.

XII. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Sheryl with a second by Bruce to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Vote 6-0

Mary did remind us that the next meeting would likely be a long one because we need to discuss budget.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joene Williamson
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Member