



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 East Boiling Spring Road
Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2022

6:00 P.M.

City Hall

Attendance: Barbara Bennett-Snyder, Claudia Duncan, Bruce Pennington, Stephen Dunn, Joene Conley, Sheryl Johnson

Absent: Kathy Curtis (excused)

Commissioner Liaison: Tom Guzulaitis

Staff: Sara Goodwin

I. Call to Order

Barbara Bennett-Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

II. Introductions

Sara Goodwin, new interim Parks and Recreation Director/Recreation Supervisor for Seniors was introduced to the board.

III. Approval of Agenda

Claudia moved to approve the agenda, Sheryl seconded it. Vote 6-0

IV. Approval of Minutes

Sheryl moved to approve the minutes, Claudia seconded it. Vote 6-0

V. Director's Monthly Report

Sara shared that they are short staffed at the Community Center, as both she and Sara Vroman are working two positions each. She has submitted to David, the town manager, what each staff member makes and who oversees which programs. She has asked for a raise for Tina, who works the 6-9am and 3-6 pm shifts, because she is so dependable and has been faithful to stay with the program through all the changes. There is one before school position

open as well. Mary's position will be advertised this week, they will take applications for 30 days and then interview and make a choice. Sara Vroman's position is interim for 3 months. The youth program is maxed out with the limited staff, there are 14 children before school and 28 after school. Also, masks are once again required in the Community Center.

VI. Committee Selection & Reports

A. Communications

Barbara reposts the things that the Community Center posts

B. Facilities

Barbara reports that Kathy says the dog park rules are being followed, Bruce concurs (except for the geese, who don't pick up their poop) Stephen has a problem with the lack of adequate signage at the parks, mainly for emergency responders. There is no street name on the park signs. Tom suggested that Sara put it on a 'want' list for Public Works, and/or the board can make a recommendation to take to the Board of Commissioners. It was also noted that the sign at the end of Spring Lake still says No Dogs, right next to the sign that says it is a Dog Park.

C. Department

Nothing at this time

VII. Public Comments – Tom says one of his constituents is concerned about the proceeds from the pancake breakfast going to signage instead of needy families, as it has before. Sara then explained that there were very generous donations that made it possible for the CC to adopt two families for Christmas (and they did for Thanksgiving as well), so the proceeds could then go to signage.

VIII. Old Business

A. Mirror Lake Dog Regulations (should be Spring Lake but we missed it when we were approving the Agenda)

B. Community Center Staffing/Vacancies – covered in Director's Report

C. BOC Review and Remind - Feb. 1 – Claudia, March 1 – Joene, April – Barbara

At this time the Learning Garden was discussed, and a motion was made to add it to the Old Business. Claudia moved, Stephen seconded, vote was 6-0.

D. Learning Garden

Barbara has a group of people that are interested in helping get the Learning Garden up and running. She wants to bring her group together at the Community Center to make lists/recommendations. There are projects here that would be good for the Boy Scouts, like the compost bin and many others. Adopt a Box is another idea. The idea of sponsorships for classes and boxes was discussed. Do we solicit businesses? Do we contact the media? Tom suggests sponsorships for people to be able to attend a class, such as bale gardening that was also discussed. Barbara will make a flyer for sponsorships and let Sara edit and publish it.

IX. New Business

A. Muse Park Grand Opening – will be deferred until March or April when the weather is better. Motion made by Claudia, second by Stephen, vote 6-0.

B. Current COVID protocols at the CC – already covered in Director’s Report

C. Update on staffing at CC – already covered in Director’s Report

D. Wildlife Habitat Walkway – This was proposed by a constituent, to repurpose the road behind the CC. Tom will ask the engineer if that’s feasible.

X. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Learning Garden Plant Sale

Grand Opening Muse Park –Sara suggests it be family friendly, we have a band, pickle ball demonstration

XI. Announcements – none

XII. Adjourn – Joene made a motion to adjourn, Cheryl seconded, vote 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm