



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 East Boiling Spring Road
Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026

6:00 P.M.

City Hall

Attendance: Joene Conley, Mike Sollenberger, Robin Balda, Stephen Dunn, Gretchen Stephens, Shannon Biggs

Director: Sara Goodwin

BOC Liaison – Todd Ausborn, filling in for Teagan Hall

Absent – Cheri Funk

I. Call to Order

Joene Conley, Chairwoman called the monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:00 PM.

II. Introductions – Public attendees including Shannon, BSL Resident and Scott, BSL Resident

III. Approval of Agenda

Robin moved to approve the agenda, Shannon seconded. Vote 6-0

IV. Approval of Minutes

Shannon moved to approve the minutes. Mike seconded. Vote 6-0.

V. Director's Monthly Report

- The Venus Flytrap Festival was a HUGE success. Bridget and the BSL Friends of Parks and Recreation made an idea a reality. There was easily over 400 attendees. Excited that this will be an annual event.
- \$20 received in disc golf donations via the QR code located at the beginning of the course.
- Connor and Amy continue to plan programs for their respective ages. Connor will be working on adding some teen programs after summer camp. Amy has been asked to plan some overnight trips in the fall.
- \$10,000 grant from Brunswick Transit was received for use towards transporting seniors to and from the center and on trips.
- 95 kids are enrolled in summer camp with 30 on the waitlist.

- Flag Hunt: 250 flags to be hidden throughout the community. Found flags turned in at the CC will receive a ticket into the drawing for an Amazon gift card. Drawing will be held on 7/2 and ten winners will be selected.
- Procure: New app used for summer camp is receiving positive feedback.

VI. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Facilities:** Mike and Steve divided up the community parks and submitted the following reports. **All parks were inspected, however only action items are recorded.**
 - i. **Muse Park:** The single basketball court backboard support has ripped padding; consider repair, replace, or removal.
 - ii. **Spring Lake:** Bulletin boxes appear unused and in disrepair, consider removal. Sara advised that the boxes are used when space is reserved for parties or gatherings. Suggestion to laminate flyers advertising P&R upcoming events or activities.
 - iii. **Mirror Lake Park:** Swing bench has a loose board and some flaking paint: carryover comment
- b. **Communications:** Positive feedback being received. Continue to overcome challenges. Suggestion to post on community social media pages in addition to P&R page.

VII. Public Comments –

- a) Scott, BSL resident inquired about the status of the dam. Recommended that he attend the Citizens Forum being held on 6/18/2026.
- b) Shannon, BSL resident inquired as to where residents can have a voice on classes and activities offered by P&R.
 - i. Sara shared that the intention of the first survey was to solicit feedback from residents on what classes and activities they would be interested in.
 - ii. Agenda item IX. New Business, a. Results from new survey was moved up and discussed during Public Comments
 1. Intent of survey was clarified that it was to identify individuals in the community that would be interested in volunteering, their availability, interests, skills, etc.
 2. Consideration will be given to format of future surveys to ensure they are user friendly, clear, and concise
 3. Results will continue to be reviewed and analyzed with the intention of sharing the comprehensive results with the community.

VIII. Old Business –

- a. **Ad hoc group for teen programs** – Defer at this time while securing participation of Advisory Board. Board will work internally to determine members that will provide support and act as a liaison with P&R.
- b. **Results from Spring Fling (anything not covered in Director's Report)** – Signage promoting the event was excellent in both volume and far reaching.

IX. New Business –

- a. Results from new survey** – Covered in Public Comments
- b. Golf course property** – Mike recommended that safety concerns on the property be addressed. Commissioner Ausborn advised that appropriate signage is in place.

X. Next Meeting Agenda Items – Cornhole Tournament

XI. Announcements – Joene will present the Advisory Board report for July.

XII. Adjournment

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting; Shannon seconded. Vote 6-0. Time 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Balda, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board