



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 East Boiling Spring Road
Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

6:00 P.M.

City Hall

Attendance: Joene Conley, Robin Balda, Cheri Funk, Mike Sollenberger, Stephen Dunn, Gretchen Stephens

Director: Sara Goodwin

BOC Liaison – Justin Lovin

Late Arrival: Justin Lovin, 6:08 PM filling in for Teagan Hall

Absent – Shannon Biggs

I. Call to Order

Joene Conley, Chairwoman called the monthly meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:01 PM.

- II. Introductions** – Public attendees including youth parents Lisa Ivey (spouse and son), Shannon Riddle, Tony Wilson, SBMS Principal

III. Approval of Agenda

- Robin made a motion to amend the agenda by adding survey update to New Business, item d. Mike seconded, Vote 6-0.
- Robin moved to approve the agenda, Mike seconded. Vote 6-0

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

V. Director's Monthly Report

- 22 youth attended spring break camp.
- Teen focus group facilitate by the P&R Advisory Board was held on 4/27/2026, attended by Connor.
- Self defense class
- Spring Fling is scheduled for 5/30/2026 by BSL Friends of Parks & Recreation which will feature 13 vendors, 13 educational opportunities, and fun run/walk.

- 5/29 is the first concert of the season – Spring Lake Park.
- No smoking signs have been added to the parks.
- Basketball goals in place.
- Shout out to Bridget and Caroline for doing a great job getting the garden behind the community center in shape.
- BSL Friends of Parks & Rec is hosting the Venus Flytrap Family Fun Run on Saturday, May 30, 2026 @ 10AM at the Community Center.

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:** Consider options to keep mats in place. The new basketball hoops look great. Gate latches reported in March have been removed as recommended. Porta potty toilet seat broken off and lying on the floor.
 - ii. **Spring Lake:** Bulletin boxes appear unused and in disrepair, consider removal. Porta potty needs to be cleaned. Suggestions for consideration:
 - i. Buoys for boundary of swimming area.
 - ii. Additional lighting
 - iii. Rescue kits – contact Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation
 - iii. **Mirror Lake Park:** Swing bench has a loose board and some flaking paint.
 - iv. **Charles Schneider Park and Seminole Lake:** Porta potties have stickers that say last inspected “11/7”, most other parks have no inspection stickers. Stickers should be updated or removed if not being used.
 - v. **Tate Lake Park:** Picnic table is missing.
 - vi. **Community Center:** Consider adding more mulch to playground areas.
- b. **Communications:** None

VII. Public Comments – Lisa Ivey commented that she attended as she wants to see programs and activities added for youth ages 12 – 17. Lisa’s comment sparked public discussion and additional public comments were shared by Shannon Riddle, youth attendee Seth, and Tony Wilson.

- a. Commentary centered around the idea that the youth of BSL need positive programs in the evening, weekends and during the summer. Suggestions include RC track, flag football, video game bus, teen geared concert (DJ), scavenger hunt, geo caching, Pokemon Go
- b. Meal opportunities: Research options to utilize the meal opportunities provided by BCS and/or YMCA to provide meals to the youth of BSL this summer.
- c. Commissioner Lovin encouraged the public to attend the Commissioners’ meeting and to share their concerns and feedback. With budget constraints and residents providing negative feedback on programs, it is important for residents, parents, and teens to be present and be heard.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business –

- a. Update on the Teen Focus Group** – Ad-hoc group to be formed
- b. Status of Installation of basketball goal at Muse Park** - Complete
- c. Updated plans for the Spring Fling** – Event is 5/30 at the Community Center beginning at 10:00 AM. Shuttle service will be provided if needed. Rain date is on 6/13.
- d. Survey** – Survey for usage suggestions for the Joan Kinney Library and Senior Center has closed. Sara shared that results included off topic comments, multiple duplicate comments, but valuable suggestions included cooking classes and board games. Future surveys will be developed to identify future volunteers and skills within the community.

X. Next Meeting Agenda Items – Golf course property

XI. Announcements – None

XII. Adjournment

Robin moved to adjourn the meeting; Stephen seconded. Vote 6-0. Time 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Balda, Secretary
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board