



Recreation Board Belville Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

J. F. Larsen, Chairman
Laura Copley, Vice Chairman
Keesha Starr, Member
Joe Cranford, Member
Cheryl Jefferson Page, Member by Zoom

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent:

Kent Goodman, Parks & Recreation Liaison

Staff Present:

Jim Bucher, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brenda Hewlett, Secretary

Others Present To Address The Board:

Athina Williams, Town Manager
Mary Anne Fagerquist

Item #s - 1 AND 2 - CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman J. Larsen called the February 11, 2021 Belville Parks & Recreation Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairman Larsen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Member Keesha Starr, **MADE THE MOTION** to invite Cheryl J. Page, Member into the meeting by Zoom. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS**

Item # 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION – Vice-Chairman Laura Copley, **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the agenda. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**



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Item # 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Vice-Chairman Laura Copley, **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the January 14, 2021 Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM # 5– UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Belville Riverwalk Park Update

1. UPDATE ON STORM RECOVERY / PARK REPAIRS

Jim Bucher, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that on March 6th, there will be a clean-up of the Cape Fear River shore. Volunteers from large clubs will participate. There was discussion on the motorized boat ramp and reapplying for another grant. Jim is looking for additional vendors for the Farmer's Market if anyone knows of any.

2. Update on Special Events Policy

Town Manager, Athina Williams gave each Board Member a copy of the Special Events for Town Sponsored Events form that was filled out for the Belville's Founder's Day that could possibly be a virtual event.

Ms. Williams stated that the budget workshop will be on March 27, 2021 and she is requesting a list of all known events and any additional events from July 2021 until June 30, 2022 by March 5, 2021. Vice-Chairman Laura Copley would like to see more kid's events, movies in the park and a scavenger hunt. Member Keesha Starr asked if we needed to do individually or collectively and Ms. Williams stated collectively. After some discussion on the budget Vice-Chairman Copley then suggested the Belville Parks and Recreation Board hold a special meeting for a budget workshop.

Vice-Chairman Laura Copley, **MADE THE MOTION** to hold a special meeting for a budget workshop on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Belville own Hall. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**



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3. Update on 2030 Vision Plan

Town Manager Athina Williams, Thanked J. Larsen, Keesha Starr and Parks and Rec Director Jim Bucher for participating in the call. She stated that the second Stakeholders meeting was today and that there was lots of good participation. If anyone has any ideas on what downtown Belville and the Park should look like to let her know. The Stakeholders Committee will seek public input from surveys in March. Chairman Larsen stated that the Steering Committee did a great job on the overall site path, what it could be and should be, The Park is in a very unique position with the river, Wilmington and a major highway.

ITEM # 6 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Upcoming Events

1. There was an earlier discussion on the 2021-2022 budget.
2. It was discussed to change the meeting date of the November 11, 2021, meeting to another date due to it being in conflict with Veteran's Day. It was discussed November 4, 2021, was selected.

Member Keesha Starr, **MADE A MOTION** to move the November 11, 2021 meeting to November 4, 2021. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

3. There is a one (1) year term vacancy that needs to be filled. Mary Anne Fagerquist has applied for the position. Her information will be sent to the Board of Commissioners for approval at their February 22, 2021, meeting. Ms. Fagerquist related to the group that she wanted to get involved after participating in the Veteran's Memorial. She likes managing resources and to provide public access for kids and their families.
There will be two (2) two (2) year vacancies that will expire in March 2021. Chairman Larsen is going to reapply, and Vice-Chairman Laura Copley has sent her application in. Town Manager Athina Williams advised the Board that they could make a motion tonight to advertise the 2 vacancies.



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Vice-Chairman Laura Copley, **MADE THE MOTION** to ask the Board of Commissioner to advertise the two (2) vacancies. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

a. **Chairman**

Chairman Larsen had nothing

b. **Vice Chairman**

Vice Chairman Copley had nothing.

c. **Staff And / Or The Commissioners**

Town Manager Athina Williams, wanted to recognize Liaison Kent Goodman and Jim Bucher for the landscaping they did at the new town sign. She also stated that a 4-H group had reached out to Parks and Rec Director Jim Bucher, Asking to use the Duke Energy classroom the first Saturday of every month.

ITEM # 8 – ADJOURNMENT

ACTION – Member Joe Cranford **MADE THE MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Minutes compiled by Brenda K. Hewlett

SIGNED:

J. F. Larsen Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Hewlett, Secretary