



Recreation Board Belville Parks and Recreation Board Special Meeting Minutes

February 25, 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 Phone

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:

Mary Anne Fagerquist

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

Vice-Chairman Laura Copley called the February 25, 2021, Belville Parks & Recreation Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice-Chairman Copley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Item # 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION – Member Joe Cranford, **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the agenda. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**



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Item # 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Member Joe Cranford, **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the Belville Parks and Recreation Board Special Meeting Minutes. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM # 5– UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on 2030 Vision Plan

Each Board member received a copy of the Project Implementation Plan. There was a brief discussion about some of the concerns, as well as positive ideas, that Belville Parks and Recreation Board members have. Keesha Starr stated that Adrienne Harrington with Smart Moves Consulting told them in the first meeting not to worry that the group would be putting the concept together and making bullet points. All Parks & Recreation Board members agreed that the Town should keep all water assets and the Marina or have as much control over the water rights as possible. Other comments were about transportation, green space, street legal golf carts and like for one developer to do the entire project. Each member agreed that this is an incredible opportunity.

Vice-Chairman Laura Copley **MADE MOTION** to accept Chairman Larsen in the meeting. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM # 6 – NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion on 2021 Budget



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The board discussed that Founder's Day in May and Christmas Tree Lighting in December would be our 2 major events. The parade was mentioned for Christmas. We would like to do Movie's in the park and offer a Haunted Trail event. Other event ideas were discussed.

Vice –Chairman Laura Copley, stated that she would like to see more children's events such as an obstacle course, scavenger hunt and a haunted trail with a pumpkin patch. She would also like a Seafood Festival.

Member Joe Cranford stated that he would like to host a bicycle safety event. There are grants to help with these kinds of events. He did one before when he was working.

Keesha Starr would like to host a fishing tournament in June near Father's Day. We could give trophies to winners.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher stated he would like money to build The Town's own movie screen. For the entire project he would need about \$2,500.00 which would cover the projector, the stage, an FM transmitter, and a screen.

Secretary Brenda Hewlett would like to see an event for senior citizens. We could involve different businesses in the community to participate.

Chairman Jay Larsen would like to have a promoter to do the events and pay the town.

Other ideas mentioned were Fire Safety, Physical Fitness, Art Show, Dance event, Memorial Day, Live streaming Concerts, and three Movies in the Park a year. With many new ideas it was decided to have some of these events run concurrently with Founder's Day and the Christmas Tree Lighting. We would need an advertising budget to help promote our events.

Chairman Larsen suggested that each board member chair an event. Vice-Chairman Laura Copley stated that she would chair Founder's Day. Chairman Larsen stated he would chair the Christmas Tree Lighting. Member Keesha Starr will chair the Fishing Tournament. The board would like to do high quality events.



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The board talked about the budget. It was decided to ask the Board of Commissioner for \$10,000 to cover all events and to ask for \$6,500 for Capital Improvements.

Vice-Chairman Laura Copley **MADE THE MOTION** to ask the Board of Commissioner's for \$10,000.00 to cover all of our events, \$6,500.00 to cover Capital Improvements and to consider approval of a Fishing Tournament with a safety day, Seafood Festival, Live Streaming Concerts, a Haunted Trail and Movies in the Park, Senior Day and to have food trucks at all events. Member Keesha Starr **MADE THE MOTION** to approve as read. The **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

7. OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

a. Chairman

Chairman Larsen had nothing

b. Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman Copley had nothing.

c. Staff And / Or The Commissioners

ITEM # 8 – ADJOURNMENT

ACTION – Chairman Larsen **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