



Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2021

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

Laura Copley, Chairman
Joe Cranford, Member
Mary Anne Fagerquist, Member

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent:

Jay Larsen, Member
Keesha Starr, Member

Staff Present:

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

Others Present to Address the Board:

- a. Nathan King, Seaview Crab Company
- b. John Felts, No Sleeves Magic
- c. Joe Henson, The Unity Group

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

Chairman Laura Copley called the July 22, 2021, Belville Parks & Recreation Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairman Copley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Item # 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item # 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Member Joe Cranford, **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2021. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Member Joe Cranford made the motion to excuse Members Jay Larsen and Keesha Starr. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM # 5– PRESENTATION

- a. Nathan King, Seaview Crab Company, and his kitchen staff have agreed to be a part of the Fall Festival. They will fix crab legs and shrimp plates to sell and have their dips available. After some discussion it was decided to rename the event to Fall Festival. He would like an approximate head count to know how to prepare. He agrees for other food trucks to participate. The board decided to stick with the October 2, 2021, date.

Mayor Allen joined the meeting.



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- b. John Felts, “No Sleeves Magic”, gave an overview of his magic show that offers a fun filled family Entertainment package. He has his own sound system, and his rates are \$1,000.00 for 1 hour for 1 character. He also offers walk around magic at \$250.00 for 2 hours. The board will discuss further at the next meeting.
- c. Joe Henson, President of the Unity Group, related to the board his plans for the parade. It will be held on December 11, 2021. He hopes to have 45-50 floats. He would like to do activities through the week involving kids such as coloring contest etc. Joe offered many suggestions for food vendors. He will begin work on the route with Mayor Allen. He will also make the contacts with the necessary law enforcement agencies for their assistance in traffic control.

ITEM # 6– UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Belville Riverwalk Park Update

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher reported that the tree limbs that were downed during the storm have been cleared. A solar light has been installed on the fishing pier and one will be installed by the sink. Daily maintenance continues.

1. UPDATE ON STORM RECOVERY / PARK REPAIRS

b. Reflections on Fishing Day

Youth Fishing Day was very successful. The board has selected Saturday, June 18, 2022, for the second Youth Fishing Day Event. It was exciting to hear that one of the participants has been back to the park to fish using his new rod and reel.

c. Advertisement for New Alternate Positions

The Alternate positions have been advertised. We have 1 application in hand and More are expected.

Member Mary Anne Fagerquist asked if we could put upcoming events on our Facebook page. Jim will check to see, if possible, to do.

ITEM # 7– NEW BUSINESS

a. Upcoming Events

1. Discussion on Seafood Festival

The Seafood Festival is now the Fall Festival. Chairman Copley will send out vendor applications. Vendor fees will be \$25.00 if after September 10, 2021, the fee will increase to \$35.00. Parks and Rec Director, Jim Bucher will cover entertainment and Brenda Hewlett, Secretary will handle Food vendors.



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2. Reflection on July 10, 2021, Meeting with the Rowing Clubs

The meeting with the rowing clubs went very well. The minutes of the meeting will go out Friday, July 23, 2021, to all in attendance. The clubs have tasks to complete and return to the board.

Member Mary Anne Fagerquist informed the group that she has been researching grass. She talked to the Supervisor of Grounds Maintenance for New Hanover County Parks and Recreation. He recommended Celebrations Bermuda Grass. He buys as sod in May or June.

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher is still taking brick orders.

b. Discussion and or Recommendations to Board of Commissioners

ITEM # 8- OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

a. Chairman

None

b. Vice Chairman

None

c. Staff And / Or the Commissioners

ITEM # 9 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes compiled by Brenda K. Hewlett

SIGNED:

Laura Copley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Hewlett, Secretary