



## Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2022

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### **Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:**

Joe Cranford, Vice-Chairman  
Keesha Starr, Member  
Lynn Gavin, Member

### **Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent:**

Laura Copley

### **Alternates Absent**

Richard Bourque, Alternate  
Tim Wilson, Alternate

Athina Williams, Town Manager  
Jim Bucher, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Ian McLeod, Parks and Recreation  
Brenda Hewlett, Secretary

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

Vice-Chairman Joe Cranford called the August 11, 2022, Belville Parks & Recreation Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice-Chairman Cranford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ACTION** - Vice-Chairman made a motion to excuse Chairman Laura Copley, Richard Bourque, and Tim Wilson from the meeting. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

### **Item # 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **Item # 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION** – Member Keesha Starr, **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2022. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Karen Johnson with EZ Wireless was recognized for her contributions to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Karen and her team provided the Easter Bunny (Roman) and pictures of kids with the Easter Bunny.

### **ITEM # 5 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. Belville Riverwalk Park Update**

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher reported that a new but used boat was picked-up today for the park. It will be used for rescues, surveying, and other water projects for the park. He is cutting brush back off of the trails. The gate was struck by lightning and has been fixed and will be switched to a cellular modem rather than the landline. The fountain quit working and a new fountain has been ordered. There is a new vendor at the park, and they are Dole Whip. Jim reported that the new climber is broken. He is going to see if it can be replaced free or it will cost \$600.00 to fix.

Town Manager Athina Williams told the board about the erosion issue under the pier. Rip Rap rock has been placed under the pier by Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher. She has sent letters to Congressman Rouser, Senator Tillis, Representatives Miller and Rabon and others about assistance with this project. She also reported that we were the recipients of a \$25,000.00 grant from Focus Broadband. We are the only town that received the



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grant, and it will be used for cybersecurity in the park. We have received two bids from interested parties about doing tours and rowing clubs and the Board of Commissioners will vote on at their August 22, 2022, meeting.

### **1. UPDATE ON STORM RECOVERY / PARK REPAIRS**

Nothing to report

### **ITEM # 6- NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Upcoming Events**

1. Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Bucher stated that he was going to contact the Kiwanis Club about the Story Walk boards. The program should be completed before the Fall Festival.
2. He is going to talk to Angie's Produce about getting small pumpkins for kids to paint and check QAAAAAAAAAAAAAabout the "Pumpkin Patch." Brenda Hewlett, Secretary stated that she has the color sheets, crayons, foam pumpkins and wooden pumpkins to paint. Mr. Twister is not available. Parks and Rec Director, Jim Bucher has two bounce houses lined up.
3. The Dragonfly Program was discussed. We are ready to present to Mayor Pro Tem Bost and move forward to present to the Board of Commissioners. Brunswick County uses a least invasive type of spray for killing mosquitos and it would not impact the dragonfly pond at all due to the distance from the pond to the grassy area of the park. There was a brief discussion about tickets, tee shirts and bags. We will move forward with this program.
4. Included in the handouts was a list of Halloween Movies so that a movie could be selected and ordered for Halloween. The Haunted Mansion was selected and will be ordered. Our next fundraiser will be at Highway 55 Restaurant. All that the board has to do is advertise the event. September 24, 2022, from 6:00pm until 9:00 pm. We can advertise as "Have Dinner with the Mayor." Ms. Teresa Mortley, a former Parks and Recreation Board member suggested we look at the HT Hill Music on U Tube. We will check to see if they will do a pro bono event.

### **ITEM # 7- OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS**

- a. Chairperson
- b. Vice Chairman
- c. Staff And / Or the Commissioners

### **ITEM # 8 – ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION** – Vice-Chairman Joe Cranford adjourned the meeting.

Minutes compiled by Brenda K. Hewlett

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Laura Copley, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Brenda K. Hewlett, Secretary