



Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2023

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

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

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent:

Laura Copley, Chairman

Alternates Present:

Richard Bourque, Alternate

Alternate Absent:

None

Staff:

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

Staff Absent:

Athina Williams, Town Manager
Ian McLeod, Parks and Recreation Assistant

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

Vice-Chairman Joe Cranford called the February 9, 2023, Belville Parks & Recreation Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

ACTION – Member Lynn Gavin made a motion to excuse Laura Copley and Keesha Starr from the meeting. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Item # 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION – Member Lynn Gavin **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the agenda. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Item # 4 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Alternate Richard Bourque, **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2022. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ACTION – Keesha Starr was accepted in the meeting.

ITEM # 5 - PRESENTATIONS

Brook Carpenter presented to the board the Leland Middle School Booster Club's Family Fun Day. It is a truck rodeo with craft vendors and different entertainment for the attendees. The event will take place at the Belville Riverwalk park on April 1, 2023, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm



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Trevor Smith, Eagle Scout presented to the board his scout project of a Gaga Ball Pit. Trevor explained what the Gaga Pit was and how to play the game. He explained that he will begin fund raising for the project soon.

Robert Parker with Cape Fear Solar Systems presented to the board what solar systems do and how they locate them functionally. He answered questions from the board.

Keith Harris of the Cape Fear Indians and Mary Beth Livers of the Brunswick Arts Council presented to the board information on the Brunswick County Intercultural Festival. They related to the group that they want to bring the world to Brunswick County. It showcases the many different cultures in our area with music, dance, food, and costumes. The event location will be decided soon, and the Belville Riverwalk Park is a contender.

ITEM # 6 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Belville Riverwalk Park Update

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher reported that another shelter has been repaired and painted and there is only one more to do. He has started on the Dragonfly Project. He has replaced the grating on the boat ramp. He stated that there are a lot more cameras in the park.

1. UPDATE ON STORM RECOVERY / PARK REPAIR

Nothing to report.

ITEM # 7- NEW BUSINESS

a. Upcoming Events

1. The Christmas Craft Fair was a success. It was discussed about having the Christmas Craft Fair separate from the Tree Lighting Ceremony. It is too much to do in one day and will be discussed at a later date.
2. The movie choices selected for the March movie night are first choice "Puss in Boots", second choice was "Top Gun", and the third choice was Grease. Secretary Brenda Hewlett will check with Swank on Friday to see if they are available.
3. Secretary Brenda Hewlett advised the board that Sharon Niemann had sent a thank you card for the gift card and balloon she received after the Christmas Craft Fair for her face painting. A volunteer from the board is needed to participate at the North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Leland Cultural Arts Center. She told the board that Member Ian McLeod has food trucks for all of our events and that he is working on the Nashville Tour.

b. Discussion And/or Recommendations to the Board of Commissioners

Secretary Brenda Hewlett informed the board that Alternate Tim Wilson has resigned, and that Amanda Fleischauer has not been attending meetings. We need to ask the Board of Commissioners for permission to advertise to fill the two positions. She will get paperwork to Town Clerk, Sharon Niemann for their February meeting.

ITEM # 8 - OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

a. Chairperson

b. Vice Chairman

c. Staff And / Or the Commissioners



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ITEM # 9 – ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes compiled by Brenda K. Hewlett

SIGNED:

Joe Cranford, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Hewlett, Secretary