



Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

Laura Copley, Chairman
Joe Cranford, Vice-Chairman
Lynn Gavin, Member
Vince Matthews, Member

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Absent:

Keesha Starr, Member

Alternates Present:

None

Alternate Absent:

Richard Bourque, Alternate

Staff:

Mike Allen, Mayor
Athina Williams, Town Manager
Jim Bucher, Director of Parks & Recreation
Brenda Hewlett, Secretary

Staff Absent:

Ian McLeod, Parks and Recreation

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

Chairman Laura Copley called the April 12, 2023, Belville Parks & Recreation Board Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

ACTION – Vice-Chairman Joe Cranford made a motion to excuse Keesha Starr, Member and Richard Bourque, Alternate 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 – Member Vince Matthews **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2023. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**



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Item # 5 PRESENTATIONS

Aaron Perkins, Director Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department gave an overview of the Blueprint Brunswick Plan. He has received valuable feedback from the public. With the growth in Brunswick County, his department will renovate 30-40 parks, add new parks, acquire land for additional sites that will include an indoor facility with plenty of space.

Mario Barron, Riverwalk Rentals gave an overview of his kayak rentals, paddle boards and the equipment that he will have at the park for rent. He will have four multi use kayaks and four smaller kayaks. He would like to have go pros, anchors, and anchor poles, and guided tours.

Mayor Mike Allen thanked Laura Copley for her service to the Town of Belville's Parks and Recreation Board. Ms. Copley was presented with flowers and a small party with finger food was held.

Mayor Allen thanked Lynn Gavin for his picture of the young boy with a flag.

ITEM # 6- UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Belville Riverwalk Park Update

Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher reported that the Rowing Club is almost finished with their move project. He stated that the rotting boards on the fishing deck have been replaced. We have an ice cream vendor at the park now. The pond is ready for the dragonfly nymphs. More plants are going to be planted and a rope fence has been installed. We hope to do a grand opening soon.

1. UPDATE ON STORM RECOVERY / PARK REPAIR

Nothing to report.

ITEM # 7- NEW BUSINESS

a. Upcoming Events

1. Movie night was discussed. There were one hundred and ten people in attendance. The speakers worked great, and the vendors were good. The trivia was enjoyed by all, and the winners received a prize.
2. Movie night alternatives were discussed with other ideas like battle of the bands, and concerts. It was tabled until another meeting.
3. Founder's Day was discussed. We have no more room for vendors. We are waiting on confirmation from Col. Baker for the JROTC to be our Honor Guard. The dancers and band are confirmed.
4. The Easter Egg Hunt was truly an experience in the rain. The Parks and Rec Board members handed out bags of eggs to cars through a drive thru. Vice-Chairman Joe Cranford thanked Jim Bucher for setting the tents and lanes up. We did have a family return with coffee and doughnuts for the workers.
5. Elections were held and conducted by Town Manager Athina Williams. Joe Cranford was the winner of the Chair position and Vince Matthews was the winner of the Vice-Chairman position. Both members were sworn in by Town Manager Athina Williams.
6. Each member was given a copy of the Parks and Recreation budget that was turned in at the budget meeting.



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7. After-Action Reports of NBCC Business Expo, Movie Night, and the Easter Egg Hunt were given to all members.

Town Manager told the group about the wetlands flagging that was done by Withers Ravenel. We are receiving bids for An Engineering Firm and Cavanaugh will no longer work for us. We are receiving bids on a debris firm also. The Multi-Use Path is almost ready to go out for bid, but there is an environmental document that added the species of the Tri-Colored bat as endangered and the Department of Transportation and Wildlife are assisting us with this. The bats make their nest in moss and leaves.

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

None

ITEM # 8 - OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

- a. Chairperson

None

- b. Vice Chairman

None

- b. Staff And / Or the Commissioners

None

ITEM # 9 – ADJOURNMENT

ACTION – Chairman Joe Cranford adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Minutes compiled by Brenda K. Hewlett

SIGNED:

Laura Copley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Brenda K. Hewlett, Secretary