



Belville Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Belville Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:

Vince Matthews, Chairman
Lynn Gavin, Vice-Chairman
Mark Wilde-Ramsing, Member
Rana LaBrunda, Member via telecommunications
Nancy (Nia) Moore, Alternate
Cindy Ruggiero, Member

Members Absent

None

Staff:

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

Staff Absent:

None

Items - 1 AND 2 - CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Vince Matthews called the October 23, 2024, Belville Parks & Recreation Board Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
A quorum was present.

Item # 3 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION – Member Mark Wilde-Ramsing MADE THE MOTION to approve the agenda. Vice-Chairman Lynn Gavin seconded the motion. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

Item # 4– APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION – Member Mark Wilde-Ramsing MADE THE MOTION to approve the Belville Parks and Recreation Board Regular Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2024. Vice-Chairman Lynn Gavin seconded the motion. **VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM # 5- UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Belville Riverwalk Park Update

1. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bucher informed the board that the new garage now has power. He also stated that there is power outside of the building, and he is continuing to beautify the park.
2. **DATE ON STORM RECOVERY/PARK REPAIR**

There was a limb down on the fishing pier railing that was removed and repaired. There were other limbs down and some trail erosion.

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ITEM #6 - NEW BUSINESS

a. Upcoming Events

1. Event Coordinator Ian McLeod gave the update on the golf tournament. He stated that we need 10 more teams to sign up. Alcohol will be from Brunswick Beer and Cider. Brunswick Beer and Cider will also provide 200 lunch boxes. The Town has a team, and it will be a full 18 holes and there are no handicaps. It will be held in Magnolia Greens. We need raffle prizes and volunteers. There will be a silent auction at the event. Our goal is to raise over \$6,000.00 or more. Cumulus Broadcasting is our media sponsor and they have been advertising on the five radio stations.
2. The Brunswick Heritage Ride Event went well. Nick Cannon posted pictures online of the event. Staff Ian McLeod and Brenda Hewlett along with Parks and Rec Board Alternate Nia Moore were on hand to provide refreshments for the group. There were approximately 130 cyclists participating. The members that were working on the event realized that we need a wellness check bag and liquid IV's. in the future. We will also add fruit rather than chips.
3. The Parks and Recreation Board had an extraordinarily successful Fall Festival. There were 3,145 people that came in through the front gate. The band "Front Porch Rockers" were great and very entertaining. Board Member Rana LaBrunda and her eight volunteers managed the carnival games, and they were a huge assistance to the event. The kids had a fun time. Ms. LaBrunda stated that some of the games were too hard for the smaller kids. Unloading the vendors went well and the Face Painters did an excellent job. Mr. Twister stayed busy with his balloon art. There was a visit from some of the local pirates. Vice-Chairman Lynn Gavin thanked Brenda Hewlett for the board shirts.
4. Event Coordinator Ian McLeod stated that we have 30 spaces for Trunk or Treat. We will set up on the South end of the park. We will have face painters on site and there will be the best costume contest for the kids. WWAY TV-3 is our media sponsor and Duke Energy donated \$100.00 for Trunk or Treat. There will be food trucks on site and there will be trivia before the Halloween Movie Monster's Inc. Goodson and Taylor CPAs are sponsoring the movie. Bowls will be placed in front of the vehicles participating in the trunk or treat for attendees to put a ticket in for the best Trunk or Treat decorated vehicle. We will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. We will place a donation jar on the table at the arch entrance.
5. The Senior Fishing Day will be on Thursday, October 17, 2024. Twelve residents from Brunswick Cove will participate in the event. This event is fully funded.

At the November meeting we will discuss the Christmas Festival. Jim stated we would have a train. Member Rana LaBrunda suggested we do a contest with vendors to get the community involved.

The Parks and Recreation Board accepted the 2025 calendar for their meetings. Town Manager stated that the Planning Board was meeting on July 9, 2025. The Parks and Recreation Board agreed to move our meeting to Thursday, July 10, 2025.

The Town Manager thanked everyone for their hard work on the Fall Festival. Secretary Brenda Hewlett thanked the Town Manager for always being supportive of the Parks and Recreation Board and their events.

Member Mark Wilde-Ramsing stated that the rowing group has an association with Team River. He would like to see more focus on the river by having some demo days.

ITEM #8 - OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS

- a. **Chairperson**
Nothing at this time.
- b. **Vice-Chairman**
Nothing at this time.
- c. **Staff And / Or the Commissioners**



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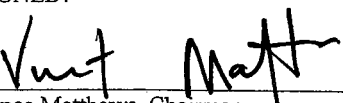
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ITEM # 9 – ADJOURNMENT

ACTION – Chairman Vince Matthews adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m

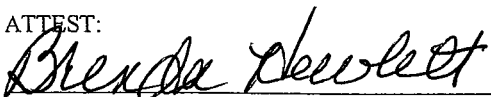
Minutes compiled by Brenda K. Hewlett

SIGNED:



Vince Matthews, Chairman

ATTEST:



Brenda K. Hewlett, Secretary