



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 18th, 2024

Call to order:

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held on September 18th, 2024, at the Belle Johnston Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Christine Turner and seconded by Lorraine Haynes.

Attendees

Matthew Jakubowski (Staff)

Randy Brantley

Kris McVey (Vice Chair)

Erin Hamilton (Staff)

Caylene Brown

Stacy Shatterly

Christine Turner (Chair)

Lorraine Haynes

Amy Smith

Public Comment: None

New Business

Approval of minutes:

- i. Christine made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15th, 2024 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Randy Brantley, ayes by all.

Director Updates:

- i. Mecklenburg County Park Commission Meeting for the Southern Towns: Matt and Ryan are pushing Mecklenburg County to help provide funding for land and for them to help fund a park in Pineville. We want to get on their capital improvement plan.
- ii. Summer Recap: Summer camp ended the second week of August. We had a great group of campers this year. Rock’N & Reel’N series went well this Summer. We were able to have all 3 concerts with great crowds. We had two of the three movies take place. The second movie was rained out.
- iii. McCullough Greenway Update: The new finish date is January now. There were issues with the installation of pylons on both sides. They encountered more rock than was expected. Kris asked if we would do a ribbon cutting for the grand opening. We will have a ribbon cutting with McCullough since it was a joint operation.
 - Caylene asked if golf carts will be allowed on the greenway. Town Council have not decided yet. Most of the board think golf carts should not be allowed.
- iv. Playground Pour-N-Play Update: We are waiting for equipment to make the ramp ADA accessible on the big brown playground. There is about \$500K left in AARPA funds. Town Council voted for the new hawk signal at Cranford Drive instead of allotting all the money to Parks & Recreation. Parks & Recreation will get the rest of the money. We will pour n play more playgrounds with this money. Matt asks the board for their opinions.

- Christine asked about a sun sail shade structure over the fitness court.
 - Matt wants to replace a playground or build a new one by the medium shelter.
 - If we get \$175K we might be able to do a playground and shade the fitness court.
- v. Fitness Court Programming: Christine Turner is starting group workouts using the Fitness Court. This will be a 6-week series starting on September 28. Christine asked about whether there will be a reserved sign during the class.
- vi. Capital Projects:
- Gym Upgrades: We have repainted the gym and there are no more clip arts on the walls. We are getting new basketball goals, and they will all be adjustable from 8 ft to 10ft. We were able to get rid of the mobile basketball goals.
 - Stadium Concession Stand/Restrooms at Jack Hughes received a new roof.
 - New Kubota for Lake Park.
 - New Trucks for maintenance staff.
 - Maintenance Compound Addition to give them more space at Jack Hughes.
 - New pavement at the hut and cemetery.
- vii. Athletic Recap:
- Youth Soccer registration finished with 338 players for the fall season. I have 36 teams. This season is the most players we have had to date.
 - Adult Basketball – fall season started in the first week in September. I have 8 teams registered.
 - Erin passed gave a handout with updated Athletic numbers and percentage of Pineville residents.
 - Erin plans to start a youth girls volleyball league in the spring of 2025.

PPRAB Vacancies and Appointments:

- i. The PPRAB currently has 9 of 9 positions filled! The board is currently at full membership.

PPRAB Member Reports

- i. Community Engagements:
- ii. Resident concerns/suggestions: Randy suggested planting roses around Lake Park and flowers on the land by the townhomes.

Park and Recreation Department: Upcoming Events/Programs

- i. Pineville 4 Miler is this Saturday, September 21st. The race will use the greenway at the entrance of the Dog Park at Lake Park. Start 2 Finish will be handling all the race logistics. The race is sponsored by CT Sculpt, Dr. Douglas Geiger Dentistry, Crossfit Pineville, Fortress Physical Therapy, and Carolinas Chiropractic. We do need volunteers for water stations. Randy and his wife and Amy are helping. There are 131 registrations at time of meeting.
- ii. Fall Community Sale is Saturday, September 28th under the large shelter at Lake Park. Registration to have a table at the sale is full. We will have the Kidney Foundation come pick up everything that isn't bought.

- iii. Fall Fest is October 17th-19th. All board members received a flyer with the entertainment schedule. We will have ride wristbands all 3 days. We hope to have better parking with the land that was cleared out by our staff. We will still have shuttles. We are going to do a QR code for people to scan for other parking areas if we do get full at Jack Hughes.
- iv. Halloween Trunk or Treat is Friday, October 25th. Heather is working with the community relations person and HR to host the event at Lake Park. All departments in the Town of Pineville will provide a trunk. We hope businesses on Main Street will also participate. We will be playing Hocus Pocus 2 in the park after the trunk or treat. We hope to have 20 trunks.
- v. The Annual Tree Lighting will be on Thursday, December 5th from 5pm – 6:30pm in front of Town Hall. Biggby Coffee is handling hot chocolate. Pete's Red Hots will be serving hot dogs. We will have the train, smores, hot chocolate, snow if weather permitting, Mr. Nigel performing, candy cane hunt, and craft tent.

Old Business - None

Open Discussion/Suggestions/Future Initiatives

- Heather Creech, our program coordinator, is retiring at the end of November. We are in the hiring process for her position and hope they start mid-November.
- Music on Main had to be moved to Main St beside Kits because of the fountain issues for the first two Thursdays. We hope the performances will be back in front of Town Hall for the 3rd week.

Schedule of Upcoming PPRAB Meetings: Next Meeting: November 13th

Adjourn – Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lorraine seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.