

TOWN OF RIVER BEND

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Draft Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2022, 7:00 pm, Municipal Building

Attendees: Mary Dwyer, Jackie Herbster, Gloria Kelly, Pat Lineback, Council Liaison Barbara Maurer, Chairperson Janet Nawojski, Paul Rathbun and Jessica Repenning.

Visitor: Donna Perry.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ms. Nawojski.

All members received and reviewed the 7/7/22 meeting minutes. Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lineback. The motion was approved unanimously.

The following reports were presented: All members received and reviewed the Council Liaison, Organic Garden and Red Caboose Library reports. Ms. Maurer further reported that the Council has authorized the building of the Public Works building. Also, the following events are scheduled: 10/19/22, 7:00 pm – Candidate Forum at Town Hall (questions to be submitted to moderator by 10/14/22); 11/5/22 - Shred It Event, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm; and 11/14/22, 6:00 pm – Tax Re-Evaluation Meeting at Town Hall.

With regard to the upgrade of the playground and equipment, Ms. Nawojski visited Cottle Park and Meadows Family Park and shared photos of ideas for new playground equipment. Ms. Repenning informed the Advisory Board that there are several North Carolina grants that can be applied for in upgrading the playground. Mr. Rathbun and Ms. Repenning will do further research with regard to equipment and obtain estimates from commercial vendors for this project and will report back to the Advisory Board at its November meeting. Ms. Lineback will do research regarding the installation of a pickleball court and Ms. Dwyer will do research regarding the installation of a bocce ball court and will report back to the Advisory Board at its November meeting.

With regard to the request of the Red Caboose Library to relocate the library in the old Police Department/Public Works building, it was determined that there are too many unknowns at the present time to make a decision for the relocation, i.e., result of FEMA grant, upcoming election, etc. This issue will be revisited in the future.

NEW BUSINESS/CALENDER OF EVENTS:

Community Day: This event is scheduled for Saturday, 10/22/22, 7:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Trunk or Treat: This event is scheduled for Saturday, 10/29/22, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Veteran's Day: This event is scheduled for Friday, 11/11/2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Globe Ball Lights Workshop with CAC: These events are scheduled for 11/9/22, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and 11/12/22, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Bingo: This event is scheduled for 11/22/22, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Annual Tree Lighting with Santa: This event is scheduled for 12/2/22, 6:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tea Seminar with Jessica: This event was a success and the feedback indicates that the community would like to have another such event. Another Tea Seminar with Jessica will be scheduled for the first part of 2023.

Trivia Night: This event was a success and the feedback indicates that the community would like to have monthly Trivia Night events which will begin in January 2023.

National Night Out: This event was a success with a big community turnout. Next year the event will conclude at 7:30 pm instead of 8:30 pm per discussion between Ms. Nawojski and Chief Joll.

There being no further business, Ms. Dwyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Rathbun. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster