

Town of River Bend

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes – April 5, 2023, 7:00 PM Community Building

Members present: Keenan Castranova, Krysten Howard, David Ross, Kathy Noonan, Bekah Royston

No members were absent

Others Present: Council Liaison Jeff Weaver

Visitors: Barbara Maurer, Janet Nawojski, Jennifer Beddow, Brett Beddow

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Keenan Castranova

The agenda was adopted.

A motion to adopt the minutes from the 3/7/2023 meeting was made by Keenan Castranova and seconded by Krysten Howard. The motion carries unanimously.

Krysten Howard made a motion to amend the request for the Fourth of July to \$10,000.00. This will allow funding for the parade, fireworks and live music. Bekah Royston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Beddow's application for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was reviewed. Kathy Noonan made a motion to accept the application and Keenan Castranova seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Bekah Royston made a motion to record and live stream the Parks and Recreation Board meetings. The intent is for more community involvement. Keenan Castranova seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1. Ayes were Bekah Royston, Keenan Castranova, Kathy Noonan and Krysten Howard, David Ross voted No.

Krysten Howard made a motion to for weekly walks/run during the month of May to call attention to mental health issues as May is Mental Health Awareness month. Parks and Recreation would provide bottled water. The final night would be a Light the Night walk Kathy Noonan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Ross brought up a Kite Flying event in June. Keenan Castranova motioned for this event. Kathy Noonan seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A website for Parks and Recreation was discussed. We would like to have a link from the Towns website. Our website would have community surveys, volunteer requests etc. This needs to be discussed with the Town. Bekah Royston motioned to talk to the Town, Keenan Castranova seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Krysten Howard motioned to survey River Bend Residents in a similar manner as the survey done by New Bern about the local parks and services offered. We would like to add the survey in with the next water bill but will discuss this with the Town to see if this is allowable. The motion was seconded by Keenan Castranova. It passed unanimously.

Budget proposal. Must be completed ASAP.

A motion was made at 8:30 to recess the meeting until 4/6/2023 at 7:00 at the same location by Kathy Noonan and seconded by Krysten Howard. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 on 4/6/2023 by Keenan Castranova

Members present: Keenan Castranova, Krysten Howard, Kathy Noonan and Bekah Royston.

Visitors: Barbara Maurer

The budget proposal was reviewed and a motion was made by Krysten Howard to approve the budget request. The motion was seconded by Keenan Castranova and passed unanimously.

Items discussed:

The Easter Event was very well received. There were approximately 225 people in attendance, including adults and children. The Easter Bunny was a great addition.

A motion was made by Keenan Castranova for a Mother's Day event. We will reach out to Jessie to see if he can provide his expertise and check with the Town to see if we can use the facility from 2-4 on May 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Krysten Howard and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 by Keenan Castranova and seconded by Krysten Howard.

Submitted by Kathy Noonan

