

Town of Surf City Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:00 PM

Committee Members Present:

Committee Chairperson, Donna Martin-Leutgens
Mayor Pro-Tem Buddy Fowler
Jonathan Alexander
Tina Andes
Michael Pasquantonio

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Staff Present:

Chad Merritt, Parks & Recreation & Tourism Director
Susan Valiante, Recreation Administrative Supervisor
Lori Howard, Recreation Program Coordinator
Jodi Shepard, Wellness/ Community Recreation Coordinator

Committee Members Absent:

Committee Vice-Chairperson, John Koloski
Tommy Oliver
Nick Tormala

Call to Order: Chad Merritt called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

A. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Ms. Martin-Leutgens motioned to approve; Mr. Alexander seconded the motion.

B. Presentation:

a. Beach Wheelchair Program & Sponsorship: Mr. Merritt presented the Beach Wheelchair Program and the proposed Sponsorship Program. Mr. Merritt reported that the Town currently has three beach strand wheelchairs. He explained, by providing sponsorship opportunities, the department would be able to increase the number of chairs and serve more people. The committee suggested the changes listed below. a.) to change rental program to use program. b.) list the six access points that are beach wheelchair accessible to the Liability and Use Form. c.) Add a 5- year term to replace and renew to the Sponsorship form. d.) Add \$50.00 suggested refundable - deposit to help ensure the chair is returned on time and in good condition. The committee unanimously approved to move forward with the motion with the changes and present it to Council for fee approval.

C. Previous Business:

a. Naming Right Approved: Mr. Merritt announced that the naming rights policy had been approved by Council and that the new park would be named after Earl G. Batts.

b. Park Updates: Mr. Merritt was pleased to announce that the Town closed on the Batts family property for the new park. He stated August is when the PARTF grants (\$500,000.00) are announced and LWCF (\$500,000.00) in October. The Burke Playground (\$75,000.00) has been approved and there is a possibility to obtain a Tony Hawk grant (\$20,000.00). Mr. Merritt stated he would like to install nine baskets of disc golf at the new park, as the current course will be needed in the future for other town purposes.

D. New Business:

a. Special Event Application: Mr. Merritt reported he is working on revamping the Special Event application to allow organizations the opportunity to include more details of their proposed event. Wellness and Community Event Coordinator Jodi Shepard is heading up that project along with the event committee.

b. School Year Program: Mr. Merritt stated the department has posted a survey to get parent's feedback on a proposed School Year Program that would provide children to participate in recreation programs, specialized instruction and arts and crafts, and atmosphere to complete assigned schoolwork. Mr. Alexander made a motion to pursue the proposed School Year Program, Ms. Martin-Leutgens seconded the motion. The proposed program will be presented to Council for approval.

E. Public Forum: No public forum present.

F. Committee Forum: None.

G. Director's Report: Please see the report for details.

a. Divisional Reports: Please see the report for details.

H. Council Liaison's Report: Mr. Fowler thanked the summer camp staff for a great job. He also thanked for doing a great job as a representative of the community and he hopes that legacy will continue.

I. Adjournment: Ms. Martin -Leutgens motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion.

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