



Town of Beaufort, NC

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Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

6:30 PM Thursday, March 06, 2025 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516
Monthly Meeting

Call to Order

Doug Williams, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Sheresa Elliot, Vice Chair Doug Williams, Secretary Ron Dupuis, Carol Beard, Lora Fasolino, Taylor McCune

Members Absent: Dave Inscoes

Staff Present: Rachel Johnson, Parks Coordinator

Agenda Approval

Approved unanimously.

Minutes Approval

1. January 2025 Minutes
Approved unanimously.

Introduction of New Members

Introduction of two new advisory committee members: Lora Fasolino, and Taylor McCune. Each member introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of their interest in serving on the board.

Items for Discussion and Consideration - Ann Street Park

1. Ann Street Park - Community Input Review
Ann Street Park - Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners

. Rachel shared a packet of the compilation of all comments and feedback received at the February 2025 Community Conversation event. (See Community Conversations: Ann Street Park document)

- iii. Two main designs were discussed

1. Observation Dock Only design: 28 in favor
2. Observation Dock with Floating Dock: 18 in favor

iv. Meeting comments in addition to Community Conversation inputs:

1. Committee member Lora Fasolino: Questions if Army Corp is involved as well as making sure Fire and Police are involved as they are helpful with public comment. Additional comments regarding the need to review all parks and the function of each park and physical access. Questions of appropriate park sizes and where do we want public bathrooms, if any. The comprehensive plan covers many of these inputs but should be reviewed again with new members on board. Rachel suggested we look at this at the May meeting to be included on the agenda.

v. Discussions on benches and that a similar style bench should be used in all parks. Bench prices are going up and new bench designs were being reviewed.

vi. Sheresa facilitated a discussion regarding the main suggestions and topics that should be considered, which included but not limited to

1. Parking:

a. Golf cart parking and Parking in general

i. Keep 1 handicap

ii. 4-6 regular spaces

iii. 3 golf cart spaces

b. Lighting:

i. Dark Sky lighting was requested

ii. Are there any historical styles of lighting that could be dark sky lighting compatible.

c. Vegetation/Plants/Trees/Gardens

i. No trees on left side facing the water

ii. Bee/butterfly friendly flowers

iii. Limit trees to maintain the views

iv. Use native trees

v. Need trees as a barrier between the park and houses

vi. Irrigation needs to be part of the plan

- plants.
- d. Water source
- vii. Native plants as well as pollenating
- i. House bibs
- ii. Water source for plants
- iii. Water bottle filling station?
- e. Committee reviewed Art/Sculpture/Memorial sign inputs. No extensive changes to the public comment
- f. Shade
- i. Make sure shade trees are provided
- ii. Address shade with existing trees. Explore shade coverings for signs
- g. Other
- i. Hammock area- Explore. Tree or poles
- ii. Picnic tables made of Poly wood
- iii. No covered swings also being explored
- iv. Trash cans being removed? Emptying trash is on a rotating schedule
- v. No restrooms will be built at the park
- vi. Some discussion on historically correct benches and what that meant. Benches were discussed earlier to be sure that they were consistent within all parks.

**Note: These were topics that were discussed as key inputs to be considered. ALL of the inputs from the Community Conversations meeting are included in the packet provided by Rachel and documented in the record.

After closing public comment, Lora Fasolino made a motion to recommend the Observation Deck Only option. Taylor McCune seconded the motion and ALL were in favor.

Public Comment

8 members of the Beaufort Community were present at the meeting

Staff Report

- . Rachel asked the committee to consider starting the meetings at 6:00pm, instead of 6:30 pm. Sheresa made the motion, Lora 2nd the motion. All in Favor
- b. April Town Trask Pick-up Day April 26th. Members can help volunteer at Grayson Paul Park
- c. The Elementary Scholl will be having a Spring Carnival on Friday May 2nd from 4-6:30ish. Parks and Rec has a booth at the event. Volunteers certainly welcome.

Board Comments

- a. Lora made motion for the Moore St. Kayak Plan be reviewed at the next meeting and included on the agenda. Ron 2nd the motion. All in favor
8. Meeting Adjourned – 8:23pm (Great Meeting)
- a. Ron made the Motion, Taylor 2nd, All in favor.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Notes taken by Ron Dupuis, Secretary, Rachel Brown, Town of Beaufort Advisory Board Liaison