



## **Town of Beaufort, NC**

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### **Town of Beaufort Parks & Recreation Advisory Board 6:30 PM Thursday, February 02, 2023 - Train Depot, 614 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC 28516 Monthly Meeting**

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#### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Doug Williams, Johnna Davis, Barbara Francis-Heckman, Peter Crumley, Sheresa Elliot, Brian O'Haver & Michael Rave

**Staff Present:** Planning Director Kyle Garner & Parks Coordinator Rachel Johnson

**Agenda Approval:** Agenda approved unanimously.

**Minutes Approval:** January 2023 Minutes Approved Unanimously

#### **Public Comment**

No members of the public were present to make a comment.

#### **Staff Report - Updates from the Planning & Parks Departments**

Updates from the Planning & Parks Departments

Planning Director Kyle Garner gave an update on a variety of topics and fielded questions from the board to include the following:

- \*Explained the process for collecting Recreation Fees and that the Town has been collecting them for the last 4 years.
- \* Explained the multi-use trails in BeauCoast will connect to Lennoxville Road.
- \* Discussed potential changes to the crosswalk at Lennoxville & Carteret.
- \* Freedom Park upgrades to be conducted by the Beau Coast Developer include paving of the gravel road, landscaping and the addition of a disc golf course and a dog park.
- \*NCDOT Updates on roundabout and a carbon reduction grant
- \*Discussed a potential multi-use path

\*Discussed sidewalks on Live Oak are planned from the Old Elementary School to the Roundabout @ 101 on the westside and to take the sidewalk to Campen and eventually on to Professional Park Drive creating a 2-mile loop.

\*Answered a question about property ownership at Sycamore - the site is a Town owned elevated tank site

\* Answered questions about the Tony Frost parking lot extension and acquired right of ways

1. Park Signs

Parks Coordinator Rachel Johnson updated the board that the new park signs have all been installed.

**Presentations**

1. Discussion on creating a park survey to assess the direction of parks in 2023.

This discussion was tabled until the March meeting due to time.

**Items for Discussion and Consideration**

1. Discussion on Arbor Day, Art in the Park and More.

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Sheresa Elliot led a discussion about planning an Arbor Day event as well as Art in the Park events, a potential Back to School Bash, a Block Party in October, encouraging basketball tournaments and pickup pickleball and tennis games.

Peter Crumley made a motion for the board to recommend all of the mentioned activities and equipment requests. Motion was seconded by Johnna Davis.

Staff will work to obtain a budget for the events, order items and to advertise for the events.

Arbor Day will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 29 and will feature a community tree planting, there will be 100 seedlings to give away, a tree will be planted in one of our Nation's forest, free pizza and drinks. The board requested that the BFD and BPD set-up tables along with Litter Free By the Sea, Plastic Free by the Sea, the Lion's Club and other organizations that would like to join the event.

2. Flyer that includes the proposed 2023 Art in the Park dates

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3-5 p.m. May 10

1-3 p.m. June 14

1-3 p.m. June 28

1-3 p.m. July 12

1-3 p.m. July 26

1-3 p.m. August 9

3-5 p.m. Sept. 20

3-5 p.m. Oct. 18

3-5 p.m. Nov. 8

3-5 p.m. Dec. 13

**Board Comments**

The board asked staff member Johnson to bring budget details to the next meeting to assist in the creation of the 2023 parks budget needs. Johnson explained that park maintenance etc. falls under the Public Works budget and that Parks has not historically had a specific budget line item.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with a motion made by Barbara Francis-Heckman and seconded by Johnna Davis. Motion carried unanimously.