

Town of Oriental – Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
February 19th, 2014

The Oriental Parks & Recreation Committee met on February 19th, 2014 at 8:00 am the Food Emporium.

Present: Committee members, Stockwell, Magnuson, Dubiel, Olson, Edwards
Commissioners Venturi and Winfrey
Mayor Bill Sage
Dee Sage, Director of Economic Development Pamlico County
Ken King, Tree Board

Edwards called the meeting to order @ 8:00 am.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Stockwell moved to approve the Jan 8th, 2014 minutes as written. Second Dubiel.5-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Park Maintenance Assignments Updates

Highlighted areas need follow up by Town Manager/Public Works.

Park Evaluation	Assigned To
Lupton Park – Ken King presented concept from Tree Board to have a Canopy of Trees along the east side of the Tennis Court. Room would still be available for a shuffle board court. Park & Recreation Committee approved of the concept. Tennis Project: Net is up. Ribbon Ceremony will be held later in April, Dubiel coordinating event.	Regina Dubiel
Town Beach – Annual Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday, May 3 rd . Venturi said Public Works will try and increase parking at this site by moving sand back onto beach.	Sue Magnuson
Lou Mac Park – Venturi discussed Fishing Line Recycle Receptacles. Old one is missing. Request Public Works make them and place one at each appropriate dock that has fishing.	Pat Stockwell
Oriental Recreation Park –After	Jane Olson

recent snow storm it appears there was some joy riding on the ball park. Ruts need to be addressed.	
Town Docks & End Rights-of-way – Venturi said the Kayak Dock project has been stalled.	Jim Edwards
Duck Pond and Duck Pond Two- nothing to report.	Pat Stockwell

b. Cycle NC April 4 -6th - Croatan Bike Route maps are now available. Copies on file with Town Hall. We will work with organizers of the Cycle NC to include a welcoming pack which will have a letter from the Mayor, a letter from the Parks and Recreation Committee and a Croatan Bike & Hike Map. The letter will offer an opportunity to make contributions to the Oriental Bicycle Plan. Committee drafted the letter (attachment 1), Magnuson will forward to Town Hall.

c. Quick review of 2013 Achievements.

- Croatan Regional Bicycle Plan (Oriental included in brochure)
- Tennis Court Lupton Park (Bate Foundation Grant for \$10,000)
- Parks and Recreation participated in the ad hoc Harbor Plan Project
- Inspected all Parks on a monthly basis to assure safety and quality of our parks. Recommendations were forwarded on a monthly basis via our minutes.
- Participated in Gift Fund for Town Hall and Gift Policy
- Worked with Public Works to develop access from White Farm Road to the Park and Recreation Field from the back of the park toward the water tower road.
- Active involvement in South Beach Project

Goals For 2014

- Committee discussed prioritizing the implementation of the Approved Oriental Bicycle Plan. This will be one of our primary goals for 2014. Committee will further discussion at next meeting on additional goals.

MOTION: Magnuson moved to request the Town Board appoint an Ad Hoc committee to study and design the inter community bicycle/golf cart/pedestrian path which was adopted by the Board on April 5th, 2011 and furthermore, we are requesting a completion date of September 1, 2014. (Copies of the plan are on file with the town hall). Second Olson. 5-0

- d. Oriental Retreat March 21, 2014 – Jim Edwards will attend on behalf of our committee.
- e. Boat Show Parking – Rotary requested feedback from our committee on parking for the 2014 Boat Show. They are considering using the Oriental Recreation Field with shuttle service to the boat show.

MOTION: Edwards moved the Park & Recreation Committee is agreeable the P&R Field be utilized for supervised shuttle parking to the boat show. Second: Stockwell. 4-0

- f. Issues with storing boats during regattas – Oriental Resident Carol Dixon informed us there is an issue with small sailboats holding regattas at our Launching Dock because there is very limited overnight storage. Evidently they used to be able to step their masts, race all day, and then leave the boat overnight on a trailer at the launching parking lot. With the Oriental condos there this space is no longer available. The Kennedy's on Midget Street have offered their land as an alternative. The issue is overhead power lines and tree limbs which would interfere with the trailer being able to maneuver down the road. Venturi committed to add this project to the Harbor Waterfront. Also we suggested Carol Dixon follow up with the Tree Board regarding the trees being trimmed, and discuss with the Town Manager how to address the power line issue. Grant money could be available.

3. Old Business – TABLED till March meeting

- a) South Beach Project
- b) Tennis Project
- c) Harbor Plan
- d) Grant Updates
- e) Bicycle 4

Public comment period

5. Non agenda items

There being no further business to discuss:

MOTION: Olson moved to adjourn 9:05 am. Second Stockwell. Vote 4-0.

Jim Edwards, Chairman

Sue Magnuson, Recording Secretary