

Town of Oriental – Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
October 14th, 2015

The Oriental Parks & Recreation Committee met on October 14th, 2015 at the Town Hall

Present: Committee members, Magnuson, Edwards, Stockwell, Dubiel, Olson
Commissioner Venturi and Winfrey

Guest: Joe Arnone, advisory capacity.

Edwards called the meeting to order @ 8:05am.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Stockwell moved to approve the September 9th, 2015 minutes with corrections. Second Olson. 5-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Tennis Court –

- Dubiel will follow up with the tennis group to inform them we plan on painting the lines for two pickle ball courts on the current tennis court. They will be done in a different color which will not interfere with the tennis court lines.
- Tennis court shed damaged: it appears there was some vandalism to the tennis shed. The upper left hinge has been pulled apart. Need to have public works assess this and repair.
- Tennis Net – requesting Diane Miller get quotes on professional repairing the damage poles supporting the tennis net. We need the poles to be upright and free of any support attachments to the ground. Sandy Winfrey said he would be happy to discuss this repair with Diane should she need any advice.

b. SKATE Board Park Request –

- There have been several requests to our committee from town residents to develop a skate board park in Oriental. Currently they have to travel with their children to Swansboro or Riverbend.
- Dubiel and Stockwell volunteered to take the lead on this project regarding costs, location, and liability to the town.

c. Letter of Resignation – Magnuson submitted her letter of resignation effective December 1, 2015 due to conflicts with travel plans. See attachment 2. Resignation accepted and the committee will begin searching for a new member.

d. Grants Update –

- **BATE** – Magnuson, Venturi, and Liaison Arnone submitted a request for the October 1, 2015 grant for a three tier water/drinking fountain. Grant application on file with Barbara Venturi. If the grant is approved the committee also recommends we provide a handicap parking space at Lupton Park near the road with a hog slat access over the ditch to the park. This should be done regardless of the grant approval, but it would be most cost effective to do the projects together if we receive the grant.
- **RTP Grant** - Due early January 2016. Venturi will work with the Town Manager to submit a grant.
- **NC DOT Grant** - Due October 30th, 2016. Venturi working with Town Manager to meet this deadline.
- **Part F Grant** – Not addressing this grant cycle.

e. Park Maintenance Assignment Updates –

- **Recreation Field** – Olson said the road going into the Recreation Field is deplorable. It appears all the rain had created many ruts. We are requesting the Town Manager follow up with the county to have this repaired.

3. Old Business–

- a. Ordinances – Recommendations by Park and Recreation Committee are scheduled for the November Town Meeting.
- b. Waterfront Committee – Benches have been placed at the end of the rights of way roads. They were paid for from the Waterfront Committee. Pat Stockwell will follow up with Gerry Crowley, Chairman of the committee to find out what the outcome was of his recommendation to the Town Board that the waterfront committee is responsible for structures over the water, and the Parks and Recreation would be responsible for the land properties.

4. Non Agenda Items – Land Offer from the Camp Creek Partners, LLC

At the Town Board October 6th meeting the Board requested the Parks and Recreation Committee spell out what it would see with the 5 acres of land being offered to town. After discussion the committee made the following motion:

MOTION: Edwards moved the Parks and Recreation Committee send the attached letter to the Town Board with our recommendations. (Attachment 1) 5-0

Next meeting to be held on November 11th, 2015 at 8:00 am at the Town Hall.

There being no further business to discuss Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 am.

MOTION: Edwards moved to adjourn. Second Stockwell. Vote 4-0.

Jim Edwards, Chairman

Sue Magnuson, Recording Secretary