

Park and Recreation Meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Town Hall

Attendees: Bonnie Crosser, Butch Rasmussen, Vicki Rasmussen, Eileen Price, Commissioner Price, Commissioner Overcash, Mayor Belangia, Lance Books

1. Lance Books presented an option for the 2023 Luminaries. Lance and others felt the lights were not bright enough. The solution presented would bring the costs of the luminaries to \$.91 and add additional steps with the setup and take down. We agreed to engage again during the month of October. Team will review other options to provide more "light" to the luminaries.
2. Recreation Park Sign. Vendor working on design of sign. The design will be similar to the "Oriental Welcome" signs. Will share email with proposed designs - when received.
3. Vick and Bonnie attended a two day Grant Writing Seminar on March 20-21. Session hosted by Eastern Carolina Council. Found the seminar extremely beneficial.
4. NC Cycle. Ordered the T-shirts for the Park and Recreation Team. Team members were instructed to go on the NC Cycle website to register for volunteer times. We also shared information on fun and historical facts regarding Oriental. The Park and Rec Team will act as Ambassadors during the welcome events,
5. Recreation Park. Fill/Spoil offer from Jenny Jones. Discussed the options for the fill/spoil direct: dump and level on baseball area, dump and rope off, address drainage issue - then accept the dirt, and lastly decline the offer. **Question for Manager Miller:** would the Town have interest in the fill/spoil dirt?
6. Chapter N Parks and Recreation. Bonnie and Vicki took the action to combined comments and prepare a final draft for Manager Miller.
7. Fluff the Mulch. One section left to complete at Lupton Park. After April 2nd Park Mulch Fluff activity complete. Parks will be ready for the annual Spring Power Wash. Bonnie will request a Work Order for the Public Works Team. Special thank you to Vicki, Butch, and Eileen.
8. Re-stripping Lupton Court. Waiting on PW to complete estimate.
9. Dog Stations. Bonnie to prepare message to residents asking for assistance regarding the usage of bags. Focus of the message - use your own bags if you can!