



ONSLOW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
January 9, 2023 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Called to order by Committee Chair, Carol McIntyre
- II. Welcome – Members Present: Carol McIntyre, Mary Thomas, Marybeth LeMaire, Corey Case and Marissa Reeder

Staff Present: Katie White, LaQuesha Cadwallader, Jamaica Flewellin, Chelsea D’Zurilla and Richard Burkhardt
- III. Approval of Minutes - August 8, 2022 minutes approved
- IV. Parks Report
 - a. Remaining Large Projects FY23
 - Hines Farm fencing replacement
 - b. Capital Improvement Requests FY24
 - Hines Farm Park Tractor
 - Hines Farm Park Septic Tank
 - Bridge at Hubert Bypass Park – need to request additional funding
 - Playground and Irrigation at Deppe Park
 - c. Park Visitors/Attendance
 - 1.4 million, 40% increase from last year
 - Bike park has high traffic numbers
 - d. Other Items
 - Removal and replacement of trees in Onslow Pines Park festival area
 - New ballfield rakes purchased for field grooming
- V. Recreation Report
 - a. Fall 2022 Event Recap
 - Halloween (October)
 - ❖ Over 5,000 attendees, largest numbers to date
 - BBQ Festival (November)
 - ❖ Kids Q competition – 5 participants
 - ❖ Whole Hog cook competition– NC Pork Council sanctioned - 13 cook teams
 - ❖ 8,245 in sponsorships, monetary and in-kind
 - Christmas Tree Lighting (December)
 - ❖ Tree now 40’
 - b. Staff Update
 - New staff: Sophia Aurand (Recreation Specialist)
 - c. Event Entertainment Committee
 - Not a secondary committee
 - Input from board on entertainment at events
 - d. Upcoming Events
 - Partnership with Robert Johnson (January)
 - ❖ Teen program – Juniors/Seniors college prep
 - Sweetheart Dance (February)

- ❖ Location: Hines Farm
- ❖ Parent and child program
- Black History Month event (February)
 - ❖ Location: River of Life (old building)

VI. Athletics Report

- a. Youth Basketball
 - Numbers grew from 700 to 1,200 participants
 - Cheer program has grown
 - 218 coaches
 - 5 schools being used
- b. Youth Basketball League Updates
 - Richlands Basketball League President removed
 - Solicitation for new Interim Richlands Basketball League President
 - ❖ Candidates: Krystian Jameson and James Andrews
 - Committee Voted: Krystian Jameson appointed Interim Richlands Basketball League President
- c. Athletic By-Laws
 - Need to be reviewed and modified
- d. Upcoming Programs
 - Youth Baseball/Softball/Tball registration to open January 11, 2023

VII. Director Report

- a. RFQ for Recreation Center Design
 - Bid deadline: January 24, 2023
 - Proposed Location: Burton Park, behind Government Center
 - Not a sports complex, rec center with walking track
- b. Mobile Restroom – waited 10 months for arrival, not what was ordered
- c. PARTF Grant Awarded for Hines Farm project
- d. Vacant Positions – Richlands & Swansboro, one application for Richlands received, must be approved by the board
- e. 2022 Year End Recap
- f. Director question to committee: What would you like to see in 2023 from OCPR? No suggestions during meeting, will send later to Director

VIII. Committee Comments

IX. Adjourned

Next Meeting: April 10, 2023, unless otherwise called by the Director.

County Mission: *Deliver exceptional services that enhance the quality of life within our County.*

OCPR Mission: *To provide outstanding parks and public recreation facilities and a diverse selection of recreational programs and services that enhance the overall quality of life in our community.*