



PARKS AND RECREATION

ONSLOW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT **April 10, 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, Brian Young, Corey Case, Marisa Reeder

Staff Present: Richard Burkhardt, LaQuesha Cadwallader, Chelsea D’Zurilla
- III. Approval of Minutes - January 9, 2023 minutes approved
- IV. Parks Report
 - a. Staff certification updates
 - 2 Maintenance Technicians are certified Playground Safety Inspectors
 - 11 out of 13 Maintenance Technicians are Pesticide certified
 - b. On-Going Projects
 - Hines Farm fencing replacement
 - c. Staffing
 - 1 Park Attendant position vacant
 - Hiring 2 seasonal Maintenance Technicians and 2 Beach Attendants
- V. Report from Recreation Program Supervisor
 - a. Special Events
 - January
 - ❖ Room 3 Live teen event – Partnership with Rodney Johnson – Prepare high school students for college – 55 participants
 - NEW toddler program – Park Pals – twice a month
 - February
 - ❖ Sweetheart Dance – 80 participants
 - ❖ BHM celebration– 325 participants - \$1,150 monetary donations
 - April
 - ❖ 2 easter egg hunts at Richlands Steed and Onslow Pines
 - ❖ Sensory Inclusive egg hunt at Stump Sound
 - b. Summer Camp
 - Registration opened March 6th, all sites sold out within 36 hours
 - All staffing needs fulfilled
 - c. Hines Farm Park and Stables
 - Rentals: 23 nightly cabin rentals and 3 Social Hall rentals
 - d. Senior Games Update

- 296 participants (209 last year)

e. Upcoming Events

- Food Truck Rodeo – May 7th
- Pirate Fest – May 13th
- Fishing Derby – June 3rd
- Juneteenth Heritage Festival – June 24th
- Freedom Festival – July 4th

VI. Report from Athletic Program Supervisor

a. Youth Basketball Recap

- 378 regular season games - 45 All-Star teams - 8 teams participated in SWAC regional tournament – 5 teams advanced to state tournaments
- Cheer Competition

b. Youth Baseball/Softball/T-ball

- Registration opened in January
- 1,400 participants and 427 coaches
- 708 regular season games scheduled

c. Other Updates

- Restructuring discussions for basketball and baseball/softball/tball
- Morton ballfield complex upgrades: new AC unit, new field lights
- New Sand Volleyball League implemented at Onslow Pines Park

VII. Report from Director

- a. Recreation Center Update – currently on hold
- b. PARTF Grant Update – currently working with playground design vendor
- c. Advisory Committee Vacany - Swansboro

VIII. Committee Comments

- Carol McIntyre introduced new Committee Members: Brian Young (Richlands) and Corey Case (Jacksonville) and needed support for the new Athletic Supervisor, Chelsea D’Zurilla
- Mary Thomas commented on needed support for the new Athletic Supervisor, Chelsea D’Zurilla
- Brian Young commented on his support of OCPR, reason for joining committee
- Marisa Reeder commented Commission Lisa Carpenter will be attending next meeting
- Corey Case commented on the organizational integrity of OCPR
- Carol McIntyre inquired about interns, Marketing Intern being hired and athletic intern currently on staff in the administration office

IX. Adjourned

Future Meetings: Quarterly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of January, April, August and December; unless otherwise called/cancelled by the Onslow County Parks and Recreation 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.*