

Parks and Recreation Committee November Meeting November 28, 2017, 6:00pm

1. Welcome
 - a. Call meeting to order
 - i. Called to order 6:04
 - b. Approval or revisions of last month's minutes
 - i. Meeting minutes approved

2. Skate Park/Tennis Court Discussion
 - i. 40 estimated people in attendance at the meeting – most in support of the park but some surrounding neighbors that are against the park
 - ii. Brian Eichelman presentation
 1. Meeting at Park a couple Thursday's ago with state park builder – John Horn - [subcontractor of other skate parks/ramps off the island] and city maintenance staff.
 - a. Factored into costs patch repairs of the asphalt
 2. Estimated cost around 10k for equipment
 - a. Can look at prefab – stuff called skatelite – plastic polymer – American Ramp - \$20k – Skatelite is \$10k – both about 20 year builds
 - b. Can do concrete for a lifetime build
 - c. Can spray foam and close the backs to keep them quieter
 - d. Beaufort has used Skatelite in the past

3. Supporters of Park:
 - a. Tom Lang [1019 five oaks drive – James Island] – learned to drop in on these ramps
 - b. Shannon Smith – lives in Mount Pleasant – advocated for park built by the city – still drives her daughter here to skate - Give those kids not into traditional sports another outlet
 - c. Lauren Coonis - 720 east cooper – loves the skate park – gives them an area outside and not play video games
 - d. Heather Wall – 307 west Indian – great opportunity form kids to mentor other kids - Had some complaints from tourists not having the park there
 - e. Jennifer Pine - live on Folly beach – good outlet on island for kids
 - f. Audrey Smith – Mount Pleasant – grew up in skateboard community – Folly beach skatepark

is her sense of community – she said we [the teens] need to step up and take care of trash and don't use profanity

i. Without the park they will be loitering around town – this gives them a good outlet

g. Michael Riffert - 1124 east cooper – Eric Lutz said he has seen an improvement with kids maintaining it

i. Kids were afraid that if we talked about needed repairs then we would lose the park

h. Mikey Rollings – lives on James Island – have been setting up ramps there since the 90's

4. Non-supporters of the park

a. Judy and Jeff Jamison -502 east erie – they are not against the park – bought the house 3 years ago – they can't talk to each other or watch TV with 20 kids skating – was right next to their living room porch

b. Main issues

i. Privacy

ii. Noise

iii. Trash

iv. Check retaining wall at park – need to confirm line for park vs. Jamison's – wall in need of repair

iii. Are there other opportunities to put the park – Charleston County Parks and Rec – 2nd and Arctic – may need to talk to them again as they have a new person in charge

1. In the past they were worried about the trickle-down effect of other small municipalities wanting similar parks

2. Shannon Smith worried about it not being governed by City of Folly – might be pay for right to use

3. Mayor Goodwin to reach out to Charleston County to discuss this opportunity

4. Laurie to follow-up with Mayor Goodwin about other possible locations – need to follow-up about retaining wall.

a. Mike Ezelle to be lead.

iv. When the park was first set up the city asked that it be self-maintained by the skate community but there were continual complaints with trash, language and general noise by the surrounding community.

a. Was often dirty

- b. Was loud and had to shut it down at certain hours
- c. City council received feedback from neighbors with younger kids don't want to go to Pirates Cove due to bad language, etc

v. *If we rebuilt the following questions need to be answered:*

- 1. How will it be kept clean?
- 2. How will it be self-policed [good language, good manners to surrounding children's parks, less noise and follow closing times]?
- 3. How will maintenance be handled and reporting issues with ramps?
 - a. Possibly get everyone that is interested email's address and make them responsible for maintaining the park
 - b. We need to build it of solid materials and find solutions to make the ramps quieter
- 4. Solution driven approach
 - a. Self-governing/Self-monitoring
 - b. New build and maintenance issues
 - i. Privacy fence needed
 - c. Noise issues/profanity issues
 - d. Intergenerational importance
 - e. *Kelly to present RFP to Brian and crew to complete prior to us being able to vote on it. Deadline January 3rd***

3. Changing of board positions

- a. Motion from Amy to remove herself from the chair position – seconded
- b. Motion to appoint Kelly Travers as Chairman – seconded
- c. Secretary – Pam Keller has volunteered
 - i. We do you have the ability to be recorded by a court reporter, Nicole to avoid secretarial work

4. Status of Kenny Hanson memorial

- a. Updated to be Bench and plaque under the new tree at the Folly River Park
 - i. Dog Park doesn't seem like the right fit
- b. Motion – Billy Grooms – do the bench and plaque – seconded by Pam Keller
- c. Need to figure out funding – can't use taxpayer money – we will consult the family about funding it as well as other friends on the island
- d. If outside funding is identified P&R will put the bench and plaque under the tree – seconded – all in favor

- i. Amy to reach out to the Hanson family
- 5. Discussion of the Totem Pole donation
 - a. City declines
 - i. To restore it was about \$5k
 - b. Was bought in the 1950's from Alaska
 - c. Remove from next month's agenda
- 6. Committee Updates
 - a. Wave Watch Playground
 - i. Bathroom
 - 1. Complete
 - 2. Does it need to be painted – or just go natural?
 - a. Perhaps natural as the paint could be difficult to maintain
 - 3. Playground was repainted
 - 4. To-do list: Allan said we may want to do an exterior chalkboard on the side of the bathroom
 - a. Pam to find local handyman to do it for a couple hundred bucks
 - ii. Surfboard Repainting
 - 1. Fully finished ones are hung – some are still farmed out to families
 - 2. Will likely look into this again after the holidays
 - a. We will need to shellac them and then have Eric's crew hang them
 - b. Shadow Race Pocket Park
 - i. Beautification Plan Update
 - 1. Good news – everything has been ordered [butterfly houses, bat boxes and plants] – Nancy, Eric and Katherine to sit down and divide up tasks and then plant in the spring
 - 2. Detailed timeline to be discussed and brought to next month's meeting
 - c. Dog Park
 - i. Grading and Replanting update
 - 1. More woodchips ordered through Winthrop tree service – dump at 510 east erie – and then Eric's team will spread them
 - d. Folly Family Fun Night
 - i. Thank you gifts for Volunteers

1. Amy to handle that
 2. Amy to meet with Community Promotions Foundation at the start of the new year to ask for more funding for the 2018 program
7. National Recreation and Park Association update
 - a. We have joined for about \$600
 - i. Waiting to get passwords for it
 - ii. Follow up with Eric on this to get status
8. Part-time Program Manager for City Council
 - a. This is important – need to create a presentation on why this is necessary and present to council
 - b. Mike has already created a blurb for this
 - c. Everyone to contribute thoughts on ways and reasons a Parks employee can benefit the city
 - d. Position would give this board more organization and more reach
 - e. Present this to city council along with budget in January/February
9. Volleyball Activity Update
 - a. Ray Ray still on the island
 - b. Craig Wagnor and partner wanting to take it to the next level [wanted 4 nets at the county park]. Julie sent Laurie the contact at Charleston Parks that handles volleyball.
 - i. The Charleston County Parks doesn't seem interested in a partnership at this time.
 - ii. There are reports of families are getting kicked off courts for organized games.
 - iii. How do we handle this? Should we put up a sign that courts are first come; first serve?
 - iv. Talk to Spencer about how to move forward. If we put up a sign the city could be liable. Spencer to ask Joe the consequences. Laurie to follow-up.
 - v. Some room at 2 – 4th East for temporary nets.
10. Pedestrian Access Paths
 - a. Putting them in easy places now and then hope to connect them later.
 - b. Should we push for a PAP on West Ashley – there are certain ways to meet the DOT regulations. Could we use flexi-pave?
 - i. Amy to follow-up on the results of the surveys conducted on 2nd east and west for the PAP and the possible PAP on West Ashley.
11. Additional Facilities at Beach Access
 - a. Table until next month

12. Folly Boat update

- a. Remove from agenda

13. Park and Rec plan

- a. This will be submitted sometime in February
- b. In January get in front of council and review 2017 spend and 2018 asks
 - i. Give recommendation on Part-time Program Manager for City council
 - 1. Powerpoint on how it benefits the city
 - 2. Kelly not available for city council meeting 1/9 so this may be pushed to February

Next Meeting: January 23rd