

**Parks and Recreation Board**  
**January Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2018, 6:00PM**

Members in attendance: Kelly Travers (chair), Katherine Houghton (vice-chair) Mike Ezelle, Billy Grooms, Amy Foxhall. Also present: Laurie Hull (Council representative), Eric Lutz (City of Folly Beach Director of Buildings, Facilities, and Public Works), and City Council member Teresa Marshall. Minutes taken by Amy Foxhall in Pam Keller's absence.

1. Welcome
  - a. Call meeting to order (6:05 pm)
  - b. Last month's minutes were amended to reflect the board's questions and request presented to Brian Eichelman regarding cost and source of funding for proposed skate park.
  - c. Minutes approved as amended.
  
2. Skate Park- Folly resident Brian Eichelman appeared before the Board to ask the status of returning the skating ramps to their former location. He submitted a petition regarding rebuilding and maintaining skate park. Approximately 300 names of Folly residents and visitors signed said petition. He estimates a rough cost of \$10,000.00 to rebuild the skate park. Several Board members added that they felt the cost to rebuild the skate park to an acceptable safety standard would be much higher. Discussion of adding a privacy wall to the cost estimate if the skate park is rebuilt.
  - a. A petition by Folly residents that reside near the skate park was submitted to Kelly Travers. Eighteen residents signed the petition and which requested that it not be rebuilt at the skate park's former location.
  - b. Board member Billy Grooms made the following motion:
    - i. The Board recommend to the City Council that the Council devote some amount of the City's time and resources to research the (1) possibility of a new location for said park and/or (2) replacing the skate park at it's former location and finding the funding for such expense.
    - ii. The motion was unanimously passed.

iii. The Board will submit this resolution for the March City Council meeting.

c. Katherine will research to find other skate parks in the area or in the country that are free and open with no fee to participate and no security guards. We would like to learn more from other examples.

3. Status of Kenny Hanson Memorial- Amy reported that she has not heard back from Kenny's relatives regarding the bench donation. The Board agreed the members would personally donate a large brick for the memorial garden at the community center. Teresa Marshall will find out what next steps need to be taken.
4. Wave Watch Playground- Kelly to check to see if baby-changing station was installed. If it was not, she will communicate with Eric to get one ordered and installed.
  - a. Pam not present to report on status of chalk board.
  - b. Board voted there are is no room for monkey bars (discussed per resident request.)
  - c. We will keep putting up resident painted surfboards as they are returned to Eric.
5. Shadow Race Pocket Park- Katherine reported that the hardscape is done. Bird/bat/insect houses have been ordered. She is currently getting bids on a bench and pergola. After the cold weather is over the park will be ready for "grooming." Plan to plant in the spring with a volunteer day.
6. Dog Park- Billy reported that he spoke with Winthrop Tree service and they will likely bring wood chips this week. Winthrop will let Billy know when dropped and Billy will communicate with Eric re: spreading.
7. Folly Family Fun Night- Amy reported that she is appearing before the Community Promotions Foundation Board next week to request \$2,000.00 in funding for this year's FFFN series.

8. Part-time Program Manager for City Council- discussed that the Board will recommend this to City Council in our next budget request.
9. Volleyball Activity Update- Craig Wagner, a Folly resident, wishes to place a few more volleyball nets and run tournaments on the beach. He is currently seeking to work with the County Park. Some discussion to putting them near 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> East. If a league is started, the person running it must receive City approval for league use times.
10. Pedestrian Access Paths- Amy reported that per Spencer Wetmore the City has a bid out for concept plans for pedestrian access paths from 2<sup>nd</sup> East and Center to the Pirate's Cove playground on East Hudson.
11. Additional Facilities at Beach Access- Laurie reported that at a recent City Council meeting several members expressed that they also feel this is an important need for Folly Beach.
  - a. Amy made the following motion: The Parks and Recreation Board recommends that the City make it a priority to devote a portion of their time and resources to researching additional restrooms at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> street East. This motion was unanimously supported.
12. Parks and Recreation Budget for 2018-19- Kelly presented a proposed 2018-19 budget. The board gave thoughts on proposed budget line items specifically, increase the amount for Folly Family Fun Night and add in a line item with estimated cost for restroom facility on the east side of the island. Kelly will revise and bring it back to our next meeting for further discussion.

NEXT MEETING: February 6, 2018.