

The Town of Port Royal
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee
February 11, 2020
5:30 PM

Town Hall
700 Paris Avenue
Port Royal, SC 29935

Present at the Meeting: Greg Shelton, Lynn Day, Charlotte Murray, Michael Merrow, Kevin Phillips

Absent from Meeting: Denice Fanning

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order at 5:30 PM on February 11, 2020 at Town Hall by Greg Shelton.

The Agenda was distributed and approved.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Park Condition Reports were given on:

Lenora – Michael Merrow reported there are no condition issues.

Mariner – Charlotte Murray reported there are no condition issues.

9th & Madrid – Greg Shelton reported there are no condition issues.

Sands – Greg Shelton reported that a bid has been accepted by the Town Council to grade the parking lot.

Traveling Buoy – Lynn Day reported that the bushes behind the benches need trimming & that there is a small patch of erosion behind the buoy pad.

Live Oak – Lynn Day reported that there is a rotted Oak in front of the Shed, a Fuse box cover on ground, there are bricks missing from fireplace hearth, the middle picnic table has 2 screw ends protruding underneath table (safety hazard) and the grill has a large hole in rack.

Cypress Wetland - Decks – one rotting plank (1-2” deep) at amphitheater, path at 16th will need replacing in future. Paved paths – large cracks/bumps where trees fell behind YMCA and old repair behind the Y starting to deteriorate. Fencing – 5 vertical frames need reattaching, 1 hole cut in mesh fencing and three areas have been pulled from frame.

Naval Heritage – no report

New Business:

Brainstorming on Park enhancement/uses – Ideas discussed included organized group exercise led by rotating local health club trainers (allowing marketing material distribution to participants), benches, little libraries, movies, concerts & gardens (sensory, fruit trees, community).

Research assignments for enhancements:

Benches, little libraries – Greg Shelton

Sensory Garden – Lynn Day

Movies in the Park – Charlotte Murray

Fruit trees – Michael Merrow

Landscaping contracts for Parks were discussed and are needed by this committee in order to know extent of work contracted and to verify the contracts are being fulfilled.

Back edge of pond on 10th Street is not being maintained. Numerous attempts to alleviate the declining condition of the brush and shrubs around the pond have gone unresolved for over a year. Greg Shelton will make final attempt to get these issues cleaned and resolved. It's a very unfortunate condition given the pond experts brought in to understand pond issues recommended that a water feature be added. Also, the Greenery never completed the maintenance even after numerous reports from previous Parks and Rec minutes.

The committee is waiting for a response from Town Council regarding a shade shelter, picnic tables, parking lot organization (child safety, golf cart and food truck zones) and food truck permits at the Sands.

Greg Shelton will contact City of Beaufort Parks regarding City parks in Port Royal.

Greg Shelton will invite Grey Ghost representatives to the April meeting to discuss new parks under development and the timeline.

The 2020 Shark Tooth Festival has been cancelled by the promoters.

The next meeting will be held at Town Hall on March 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM. The Agenda will be on the Port Royal website before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM by Greg Shelton

Minutes submitted by Lynn Day