



ONSLow COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
May 9, 2022 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Called to order by the Committee Vice Chair, Mary Thomas
- II. Welcome – Members Present: Mary Thomas, Andy Underseith, Marybeth LaMaire

Staff Present: Katie White, Richard Burkhardt, Tim Johnson
Jason McCray, Laquesha Cadwallader, Lauren Santoyo
- III. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2022 minutes approved. Marybeth LaMaire made a motion and Andy Underseith 2nd.
- IV. Parks Report
 - a. New River Waterfront Park Update
 - 95% complete, waiting on final inspections
 - b. Hines Farm Updates
 - Roadway signs complete being installed on the North and South side of Hwy. 258
 - c. Onslow Pines Updates
 - Judges Stand Removal to begin within the month
 - Electrical wiring removed and poles shifted towards fence
 - d. Beach Accesses
 - a. New concession vendor in BA #4
 - e. Other items (see monthly report attached)
- V. Report from Recreation Program Supervisor
 - a. Special Events Coordinator – Lauren Santoyo
 - b. Easter Event Recap
 - i. Hosted a flashlight egg hunt to better serve the teens of Onslow County. Distributed over 10,000 eggs and had approximately 3,000 people in attendance.
 - c. Senior Games Recap
 - i. Had 209 registered participants for another record breaking year for participation.
 - d. Upcoming Events
 - i. PirateFest will be May 14th in partnership with the Town of Swansboro.
 - ii. Youth Fishing Derby will be June 4th at Hines Farm in partnership with NC Wildlife and the City of Jacksonville.
 - iii. On-going programs include; Yoga in the Pines, Stroller Strides and Spinning on Sunshine.

VI. Report from Athletic Program Supervisor

- a. Youth Basketball Recap
 - o Season concluded in March. Hosted the SWAC Tournament which included 88 games from teams located in central NC.
- b. Youth Spring Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Update
 - o Season in underway and will conclude June 13. The County Tournament will be at Onslow Pines. Dixie Softball tournament will be hosted at Richlands Steed Park.
- c. Upcoming Programs
 - o Through receiving a \$1,000.00 grant from the NCRPA we will be expanding our E-sports program and offering "Mario Kart in the Park" the goal is to offer this program early summer.

VII. Report from Director

- a. Hines Farm Park & Stables PARTF Grant Submitted
 - Will know if awarded in late August/early September
- b. Vacant Committee Position – Jacksonville
 - i. Have 2 interested candidates
- c. Accessibility for Parks (AFP) Grant
 - i. Due November 1st and must focus on ADA accessible projects. Committee members will email any suggestions or projects they think would be a good fit for the grant.
- d. Misc.
 - i. Richlands Steed Park – 25 year anniversary will be 6/25/22. We are planning a celebration for a family fun day at the park.

VIII. Closing Comments - None

IX. Adjourned

Future Meetings: The 2nd Monday of every month – TBD by the Director based on committee voting needs.

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.*