

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
September 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patricia Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Tom Bozack, Trace Kather, Dennis Triglia, Don Vilelle and Chair Patricia Brown

Also present: Parks/Tech Services Supervisor Tony Baron and members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion made to approve the minutes of July 23, 2015; motion seconded and Commission voted; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES - None

REGULAR AGENDA - None

INFORMATION UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Disk Golf Course – Azalea Park** – Tony Baron advised that the baskets for the back nine have been received and a work party is planned to install the bases. The map is in process and the kiosk is completed. He advised that the course is always busy with several groups playing every day and that the completion of the back nine is highly anticipated.
- B. Azalea Park – Native Azalea Work Plan** – Tony Baron advised that the project is progressing very well and they have had two work parties so far that have done a great amount of work so far, including pruning, thinning out of the competing vegetation and fertilizing in the bandshell and gazebo area. One more work party is planned. Have received many compliments from park visitors. He hopes the efforts to educate the community with press releases, a radio interview, info kiosk at the band concert and working with the Master Gardeners will help people understand why the work is necessary and the benefits to the azaleas and the park. The Lundeen Lane trees are not scheduled yet to be taken down.
- C. Compassionate Friends Park Bench** – Georgia Cockerham submitted a bench proposal with all the names on the bench as the commission previously recommended, Tony in process of finding a location for it.
- D. Foot Wash Station – Mill Beach** – Tony Baron advised that he is coordinating with a plumber to supply a spring loaded water spigot valve that will be mounted to the exterior of building.

STAFF REPORTS

- A.** Tony advised the Pickleball group is actively using the tennis courts.
- B.** Tony has received interest for adult exercise/fitness stations which the commission considered several years ago. Opportunities now exist in Azalea Park on the new multiuse paths to create areas for that type of equipment. Thought it might be something to consider budgeting for the next fiscal year. He will research further and bring back more information.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

It was suggested installing a sign in Azalea Park detailing the history of the park and information on the native azaleas. Tony advised that the City Council had recently received a request to rename Azalea Park after Elmo Williams, and while they were not inclined to change the name they were in favor of putting up a sign with all of his contributions and that could possibly have park history and azalea information on it.

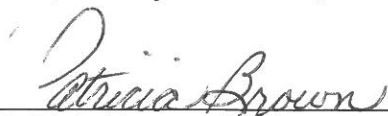
Don questioned if there had been any issues at Stout Park as he had encountered a student there smoking. Tony advised that so far this school year there has been a decrease in activity at Stout Park and there have been no problems. Tony advised that the no smoking in parks ordinance did pass through City Council and will become effective in November. Anybody caught smoking in any City Park will be cited after that time.

Thanks were given to Curry County Master Gardeners, Park Volunteers, Tony, city staff and the Parks and Rec Commission for their help in the Azalea Park Cleanup efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

November meeting rescheduled for October 22, 2015 to accommodate Thanksgiving holiday. With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Brown, Chair

(Approved at October 22, 2015 meeting)