

City of Charlotte  
Park Board Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Chris Burt, Cindy Miller, Abygail Maldonado, Amy Gilson

Absent: Karen Holtz, Sophie Lupini (Student Liaison), Brad Johnston (Council Liaison)

Minutes of the February 6, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

III Old Business

- A. Winter tree trimming is complete. DPW is planning an Arbor Day celebration for Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Weymouth. The kids will be included in the program and tree planting. The oak trees at Parking Lot #4 will be transplanted to the parks because Consumers indicated that they are too close to the power lines.
- B. CARC has supported the County's desire to construct a walking trail and beachfront at Crandell Lake. Construction has started at the softball field project, starting with County Drain relocation. The project is anticipated to be complete this summer.
- C. Hiring a consultant for the completion of the 5 year recreation master plan update has been put in the FY 18/19 budget. Currently the City is not eligible for DNR grants.
- D. DPW continues to monitor for Japanese Knotweed in Bennett Park. The County did not receive the grant this year to continue treating the Knotweed, but they were advised that the City has money budgeted for invasive species and would like to put that toward the treatment in Bennett Park.
- E. The FY 18-19 budget is not yet complete, so there is no determination yet on the projects submitted for the parks.
- F. Money has been placed in the budget for the riverbank stabilization project. There needs to be a plan developed and permission granted.

IV New Business

- A. The Mayor has asked the Park Board to take a look at smoking in the parks as several surrounding communities have done. The Board most recently looked at this back in 2013, and the determination from that meeting was reviewed. Council Policy 2017-02 currently states that "No person shall smoke any tobacco product within fifty (50) feet of any playground." DPW Director was asked to send a memo to the Mayor indicating that if there is not a multitude of complaints, then don't do anything.
- B. Doug Hull's resignation was accepted with regrets. The Mayor needs to appoint a replacement. A new student liaison will be needed next year also.

C. Solar lights along the paths in Bennett Park were approved conceptually. The Nordic Fire Festival was once again successful. The Pocket Park was discussed. It appears there are several dogs off their leashes at Lincoln Park and the Sledding Hill.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.