

Kure Beach Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
August 13, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:31 by Chair Kraus. Craig Bloszinsky, Paula and Ken Withrow, Joan Van Ham Elizabeth Houston, Mayor Lambeth, Deb Gonsales, Nancy Avery and Bob Fitzsimons were in attendance. Chair Kraus began by calling on each member to discuss their issues and concerns for the month. Paula Withrow began by talking about the bus trip to Country Squire Winery. The trip is full and has a waiting list. The Christmas trip will go on sale in October. Both Ken and Paula will be on a cruise for the next few weeks and be unavailable during that time. Liz Houston mentioned the sea turtle nests and in watching the “boil” or hatching of the eggs a few nights ago that she saw. She was very impressed with the hatching and then the little turtles literally “running “ to the sea. Joan Van Ham discussed the “Boogie In the Park” program and how it was becoming better and better attended as the summer moved on. There have been upwards of 180 to 240 attendees throughout the various concerts. On a side issue, she mentioned that the bathrooms were in need of serious cleaning. It seems that they have been in use for four to five days straight and there have been some problems with the clean up. Deb Gonsalves also said the bathrooms were in need of cleaning.

Other items that were brought up for consideration by the Board for activities that might work at the Ocean Front Park included bingo, dance and exercise activities, bridge programs for both the Community Center and at Ocean Front Park. Mayor Lambeth inquired about the Board sponsoring a “Dragon Boat” for use in the Carolina Beach Boat contest. It would tie-in with other board programs and activities.

Bob detailed the list of activities that were on-going throughout the week. The Monday turtle talks, the Tuesday “Open” market, the Thursday children’s program, the Friday night concerts and magic acts, the Saturday “Open” recreation and then the boogie in the Park on Sunday. A full week of summer activities.

Nancy Avery concluded the meeting with a report on the job descriptions of both Bob and Nikki Keely. Bob is doing recreation activities and events and Nikki is doing town-wide programs, plus coordinating all of the rentals plus the promotion of weddings and special events throughout the entire town. Then Nancy addressed the budget with particular emphasis on Parks and Recreation. She finalized her report with a push for the Island Day that will occur here in Kure Beach in September. There will be more about Island Day as the month progresses, but for now it is time for the Board to get ready to lend a hand in helping get the event going. Already, Nikki, Bob, Craig and Gabby have been at the organizational meeting for Island Day. We expect it to be held on September 29th.

The final item had to do with the restroom signage that is needed on the public restrooms at Ocean Front Park. It seems we have all been asked where the restrooms are and we have had to point out where they are. We are hoping that a sign on the building will help alleviate that concern.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 by Chair Kraus.