

PKA News

By Carolyn Brown Thompson

The amount of work presently being done in the Pine Knoll Association (PKA) community is a sight to behold. Dock repairs are nearing completion at Hall Haven and Brock Basin marinas. Ramsey Park has new park benches and new basketball court markings, and each of our parks is being readied for play and enjoyment by all.

The parking lot renovation and expansion at Ocean Park is currently ongoing, with approximately 12 to 15 additional golf cart spaces being added, the parking lot being resurfaced, and striping being painted. A huge thank you is extended to our many volunteers who are largely responsible for much of this work being completed in such a timely manner. The state's beach renourishment project is now in full swing in Pine Knoll Shores, and all work will be completed soon.

Ocean Park volunteers continue to be needed for this spring, summer and fall. Ocean Park is maintained by PKA members, which is a cost-effective way to ensure a clean and safe park and beach. Duties, which begin on Sunday morning and end the following Saturday night, include raising the flags in the morning (weather permitting) and lowering them in the evening; blowing/sweeping the deck, steps, landings and walkway daily, and the parking lot once during the week; picking up trash in the area and monitoring the waste bins and replacing with empty containers as needed; placing the full trash and recycle bins on the curb following the area's waste removal schedule; monitoring the pet waste bag dispensers each day and refilling as needed; and contacting the next person on the list on Saturday to remind them of their duty beginning the next day. If interested in volunteering, contact Dennise Wolfe at pkabox905@gmail.com or 252-240-1717.

The next PKA Board of Directors monthly meeting will be held April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at town hall. All PKA residents are encouraged to attend to learn of board activities and to voice any concerns or suggestions for improvements. The PKA annual meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 19, at town hall, with a social at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7 o'clock. Reports will be given on the past year's activities, a budget will be presented for approval for the 2020 year, and an election will be held for new directors. All PKA residents are urged to attend.

Lastly, we hope to see you at the newly refurbished sittum for our monthly get-together at Ocean Park on the first Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. There is no rain date. Bring a beverage, a side item to share if you like, and get to know your neighbors.

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PKS Commissioners Meeting

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tall. A tree was to be planted at the public safety building in memory of Rich Donoghue, and the Garden Club was to plant a tree at town hall in memory of Mary Catherine Smith.

Finance Director Julie Anderson reported that delinquent tax payers were to be advertised on March 22. She is moving \$7,000 to buy equipment for the additional police officer, but no budget amendment is needed at this time.

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed amendments to Chapters 74-282 dealing with single-family residential setbacks and allowable encroachments into required setbacks. No one spoke.

Under unfinished business, Commissioner Corsello made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Chapters 74-282 with the addition of Article 9 that states that HVAC equipment and generators and their platforms encroach no more than 48 inches into the setback. Commissioner Durham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously—but will need to be voted on again as there was no quorum.

Under new business, Commissioner Goetzinger made a motion to approve the change order for the repairs to the public safety building. Commissioner Corsello seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Corsello made a motion to adopt an ordinance to give the town manager authority to close the ocean to swimmers during emergencies. Commissioner Durham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (but will also need to be voted on again as there was no quorum). Commissioner Goetzinger made a motion to approve the designation and naming of a Heritage Tree at 102 Acorn Court. Commissioner Durham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Corsello made a motion approving the wording change to the Cash Management Plan to better align with NC General Statutes changes. Commissioner Goetzinger seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Town Planner Reed gave a quick update on the Strategic Planning Committee.

During the second public comment session, no one spoke.

The next regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be on April 8 at 6 p.m. at town hall.

The full minutes of Board of Commissioners meetings are included in the agenda packets that are publicly available through the calendar on the town website (townofpks.com) and are sent out via email prior to the next month's regular board meeting. If you have questions about access to the minutes, contact Town Clerk Sarah Williams at 247-4353, ext. 13.



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