



MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE WORKSHOP

October 17, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Belinko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Mayor Ronald Belinko, Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza, Secretary Joseph Parent, Treasurer Peter Michel, Councilman Robert Wisgirda, Town Manager Deborah Botchie, and Town Clerk Wendy Mardini.

2. **New Business**

A. Discuss Master Concept Plan for Evans Park- George, Miles, & Buhr, LLC

Mr. Andrew Lyons introduced Ms. Katja Kalinski from GMB Engineering who presented and explained the Evans Park concept plan. Ms. Kalinski explained that the concept was taken from a park that is being built on Hilton Head Island, and pictures were shown. The items Ms. Kalinski suggested were as follows:

- Showed how Dukes Drive would be reconfigured to meet the needs of the park with 150 spaces.
- Installing a pirate ship the kids can play on.
- Adding restrooms and changing rooms.
- Install two bridges with a large pond to get to the pirate ship.
- An area for vendors, a flea market or food trucks.
- Installation of bocci courts covered with shade sails.
- Seating areas.
- Tree houses with a library or leave them empty.
- Walking and biking trails.
- New location for the Christmas tree.
- Butterfly garden.
- Additional play areas with swings and playground equipment.
- Additional pavilion(s).
- Installation of fire pits.
- Discussed the types of materials that would be used i.e., concrete, gravel, etc.
- Relocate the Blue and Gold Star memorial.
- Beach volleyball.

Mr. Lyons explained that this Park will be broken down into phases and then each individual phase will be planned in detail. Ms. Botchie explained that this is a huge project, projected to take approximately 10 years to fully complete and will need the assistance of Town Council, Parks and Recreation Committee and Town staff. Ms. Botchie further explained that this is a concept, an idea. The Town had to start with something and that was why GMB was engaged. Ms. Botchie encourages comments and ideas from the public and Councils, adding that another survey will be sent out sometime in the future.

Mr. Lyons commented that this is considered the master plan. He explained that even if this was approved very close to what it is now, then when it's broken down into phases, each phase would then be individually designed where it would come back to council to get that approval. Each individual phase will have discussions regarding materials and colors. Mr. Lyons explained that one big decision would be if the Town would like to take over Dukes Drive, making it a Town road. The positive to that would be not having to deal with DelDOT for multiple permits.

Ms. Cathy Scheck inquired as to the cost of the park. Mr. Lyons explained that it is too early to pinpoint an estimated cost due to the fact that materials change, planning changes, etc.

3. **Announcement of next meeting** – November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

4. **Adjournment**

Ms. Sharon Brienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Michel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Mardini
Town Clerk