



**Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 6:00 PM
Clayton Community Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Monica Antes
Travis Crowder
Marty Kornegay
Dean Penny
Karen Phinazee
Skip Browder
Theodore Willer Jr.**

STAFF PRESENT:

**Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director
Lauren Lambert, Parks and Recreation
Admin. Support Specialist
Butch Lawter, Council Member**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Ruth Hunt
Alexis Bollman
Emily Beddingfield
Rebecca Bradford
Pamela Smith
Toby Williamson
Mike Surasky
Richard Champion**

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Draft Minutes April 9, 2018

With no quorum, action could not be taken. Draft minutes as listed above will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

3 OLD BUSINESS

a) Disc Golf Course Update

***Presenter:* Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director**

Mr. Bailey discussed the disc golf course grand opening that we had on Sunday, April 29th. About 40 people showed up, including the Mayor and 3

council members. Mr. Bailey spoke at the ceremony and gave a brief history about disc golf. Mr. Lorion spoke as well and gave a detailed summary of who helped get the course ready, designed and playable. We have had 1 tournament out there already. 20 people stayed for the disc golf tournament and we handed out Town of Clayton disc golfs. The clinic ran about 45 minutes. The Community Center hopes to get sets of disc to rent out for the public to use. There are rules and score cards in the kiosk out at East Clayton Community Park. Mr. Bailey mentioned that signs are not completely finished yet and there are a few holes that still need shorter tee boxes, we will be finishing those throughout the Summer.

b) **Universal Playground Fundraising**

Presenter: Dean Penny

Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 1, you may register at www.harmonyplayground.org. There will be morning and afternoon rounds and sponsorship opportunities. They are really pushing to get \$35,000 out of the tournament. There will be lots of food and beverages that will be donated. Mr. Penny mentioned that the buy a brick campaign is set up and you can purchase bricks at www.harmonyplayground.org. Currently only 4x4 size bricks are available but they hope to add larger bricks in the future. They are hoping to push out the buy a brick option on social media and get the word out. The Fall gala has been set for October 20th and will be held at The Farm on 42. Sponsorship opportunities will be available and we have already booked the key note speaker. The speaker will be Amy Wright. Amy is the founder of Bitty and Beaus, a coffee shop in Wilmington that employs people with disabilities. She was awarded Person of the Year in 2017. Novo Nordisk will be the main sponsor and we hope to receive a total of \$75,000 from them.

c) **2018 - 2019 Budget Update**

Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Bailey began by mentioning the next main meeting will be the public hearing. The biggest thing we submitted for was an extra maintenance position. There are currently 3 people in that department and they depend a lot on part time help. A full time position would give us better coverage. There is a possibility of some paving at the trail head parking lot at Legend Park. The layout has been approved.

4 NEW BUSINESS

a) **Dog Park Bridge Repair**

Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

The large dog park bridge construction has begun. It seems as though the beams deteriorated. We will put treated wood out there now, however we are not sure why the previous beams deteriorated so quickly. We had public works take a look, and town inspectors. Town crews put a concrete cap at the bridge and tomorrow they will be putting up the rails. Once the rails are up it will be open again. The small dog area has remained open.

- b) **July 4, 2018**
Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Bailey discussed amounts and pricing information regarding July 4th. We broke down the amount of money we have received from sponsors and vendors so far. We are still looking to get more in, and waiting for a few more vendors that have already verbally committed. The Town budget covers fireworks, decorations and portajohns. Rides will be under a contract. Ted will reach out to the Neuse about their usual donations for raffles. All smaller items will be put into raffle prizes. Volunteers are still needed and is highly encouraged.

5 STAFF REPORTS

Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Bailey began this discussion by talking about the 35th Annual Road Race. Fortunately there was only one incident which involved an on looker while we presented awards. We received a ton of rave reviews about the mug awards and the crowd really enjoyed them. Some of the people that ran the race have been running for over 10 years, however we did have a handful of new people this year. Julie in our pottery studio made the awards.

We recently hosted the Pitch, Hit and Run event at Clayton Community Park, Nick Rummage hosted the regional event. We had 160 registered from all over the state. 82 participants showed up. Friday is Senior Recognition day, it starts at 10am and goes till Noon. We will feed the seniors lunch, catered by White Swan. The event will be held in the Council Chambers. We are partnering with Seniors Services and they are in charge. The first week of June we will be hosting special needs camp. Starting June 11th we will be hosting about 150 kids a day with around 40 on each weeks waiting list. On June 23rd we will be partnering with the Clayton Police Department to do a child safety seat clinic. Adult basketball registration will be going on and we can take up 10 teams. Jimmy Bradley is expecting registration to fill up. Fall sports registration opens on June 4th.

6 ADJOURN

ACTION: Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Board Member Skip Browder

Second: Board Member Karen Phinazee

Rebecca Bradford, Chair

ATTEST:

Lauren Lambert, Clerk to the Board