



**Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
November 13, 2018 6:00pm
Clayton Community Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mike Surasky
Ted Willer**

STAFF PRESENT:

**Jimmy Bradley, Athletic Program
Superintendent
Lauren Lambert, Parks and Recreation
Administrative Support Specialist
Butch Lawter, Town Councilman
Nancy Medlin, Deputy Town Manager
Amy Shearin, Parks and Recreation Program
Coordinator**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Emily Beddingfield
Rebecca Bradford
Richard Champion
Travis Crowder
Ruth Hunt
Marty Kornegay
Alexis Lisenby
Dean Penny
Karen Phinazee
Toby Williamson**

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) This meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.
Board Member Ted Willer

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **POTENTIAL ACTION: Approval of October 8, 2018 Minutes**

QUORUM WAS NOT MET.

3 INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

- a) Introduction of New Director
Presenter: Nancy Medlin, Deputy Town Manager

Ms. Medlin was pleased to introduce Mr. Scott Barnard to the advisory board. He was recently hired as the new Parks and Recreation Director. His first official start date will be December 3, 2018. She stated how excited she is to

have him become part of the team. After having almost 120 applicants apply, it was a remarkable process to see that a full 3rd of them were highly qualified. Town management feels confident in their decision and look forward to working with Scott.

Mr. Scott Barnard expressed his excitement to get started and spoke a little about himself and his background. He is currently the Director of Goldsboro Parks and Recreation. He stated that he gets the most joy out of a community the size of Clayton. His degree comes from North Carolina State University and he has held positions in several Parks and Recreation departments in North Carolina. He looks forward to working with and serving the Town of Clayton.

4 OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Harmony Playground Update - Gala Update**
Presenter: Dean Penny

Mr. Dean Penny started off by stating that we are half way to our goal! We current have \$22,000 raised. Those still interested in purchasing a brick may go to www.harmonyplayground.org, we highly encourage it!

Ms. Shearin informed those present that she is currently working with Park Scholars at NC State University while they complete their legacy project. Park Scholars are required to create something in a community as part of their graduation project. They have chosen the Harmony Playground as their project. They will be creating musical components for the playground. They are purchasing wood, and working with CLH to have everything delivered. They have raised about \$4,000. These students graduate in May, and will have their part completed by then. Mr. Lawter suggested the idea of possibly having it on display at July 4th.

- b) **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vacancies**
Presenter: Nancy Medlin, Deputy Town Manager

Ms. Medlin mentioned that there are currently 4 vacancies on the board. Mr. Lawter and Mr. Lorion interviewed potential candidates and has recommended 4 of them to join us. Mr. Lawter will be seeking council approval to join the advisory board as a member.

5 NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**
Presenter: Nancy Medlin, Deputy Town Manager

Ms. Medlin reminded those present about the Annual Holiday Volunteer Dinner. This will be taking place on December 4th, at Brick and Morter on Main Street in Clayton.

6 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Athletics**

Presenter: Jimmy Bradley, Athletic Program Superintendent

Mr. Bradley spoke on behalf of Athletics and informed members that we have finished up all Fall athletics except for adult soccer. We have started registration for youth basketball and currently have 78 teams, this is the same number as last year. The maintenance department has recently hired 2 full time staff members in the past 2 weeks. One position is a new position and the other is a replacement. Some people may be familiar with one of the new hires, Bobby Henn, who has worked on the disc golf course. The other person is Joey and we are excited to have them join us.

b) Programming

Presenter: Amy Shearin, Program Coordinator

Ms. Shearin opened up with information regarding upcoming programs. She stated that Lauren is currently working on the updated brochure which will run through the Winter of 2019. All of our current and upcoming pottery classes are filled. Art classes are getting very popular as well. Childcare as always is full and we will soon start planning for Summer Playground 2019. Ms. Shearin mentioned that it is time for Santa Calls again and we are need of volunteers! We have Santas Workshop coming up, as well as Breakfast with Santa.

7 ADJOURN

- a) This meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.
*Board Member Willer***

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board