



**The Town of Clayton  
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
Monday, January 8, 2018 @ 6:00  
Clayton Community Center**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alexis Bollman  
Emily Beddingfield  
Rebecca Bradford  
Skip Browder  
Richard Champion  
Travis Crowder  
Ruth Hunt  
Marty Kornegay  
Pamela Smith  
Mike Surasky  
Dean Penny  
Karen Phinazee  
Theodore Willer Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Program  
Director  
Lauren Lambert, Parks and Recreation  
Admin. Support Specialist  
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**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Toby Williamson

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01

a) **Introduction of New Committee Members**

*Presenter:* Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Bailey introduced 3 of our newest board members to the group and had them share a little about themselves. Members introduced were Alexis Bollman, Mike Surasky and Pamela Smith.

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **Draft Minutes November 13, 2017**

**Action:** Approval of November 13, 2017 Minutes

**Motion:** Board Member Rebecca Bradford

**Second:** Board Member Dean Penny

**Vote:** Unanimous

**3 OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Disc Golf Course Update**  
***Presenter:** Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director*

Mr. Bailey brought with him a drawing of the disc golf course layout for members to see. The course is on 12 - 14 acres of land. The property was not very useful for athletic fields so hopefully turning it into a disc golf course will be a great addition to Clayton parks. We are getting near the end of the final stages, and getting ready to put tee pads in. Fairways are cut and baskets are in. The guys who designed the course play all over the state and have made our course where we could potentially host tournaments as well as have beginners play. The plan is to have a soft opening and dedication in early Spring.

- b) **Universal Playground Fundraising**  
***Presenter:** Dean Penny*

Mr. Penny started off by speaking a little bit about what the playground is and what it will have to offer. We are currently in the process of creating a universal playground called Harmony Playground off of Glen Laurel Road. We are also currently fundraising to have to enough money to move forward with final designs and get a signed contract with CLH. He mentioned hopefully having enough funds by March to have a full construction drawing and a better idea of the final cost estimate. We are currently in agreement with the Park Scholars at NC State University and the class of 2019. They will be working to construct 1 component of the playground. There will be many fundraising events in the future including a golf tournament on June 1, 2018 and a casino night on May 30, 2018. Our plan is to advertise these events and possibly host a fall gala.

- c) **December Special Events Update - Santa Calls, Santa's Workshop, Breakfast with Santa**  
***Presenter:** Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director*

Mr. Bailey spoke about the success we had with our December special events. We made over 200 Santa Calls. A huge thank you to those who volunteered. It was a 2 night event, so very busy! Santa's Workshop had about 200 kids come, the youth council helped run that and it was a great success. Santa's Breakfast was great as well, about 25 kids came. Staff cooked pancakes and Santa shared a story with the children.

#### **4 NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Discussion of Clayton Greenways - Naming of Greenway Connector from Clayton Community Center to Downtown**  
***Presenter:** Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director*

Mr. Bailey talked about the pedestrian connector from the Community Center to Downtown Clayton. Spoke about how we can not call it the Clayton Community Connector anymore due to confusion if 911 calls are made. Planning has allowed for the advisory committee to vote for a name. The committee voted and agreed on the name Community Park Greenway. The

bridge on the greenway currently needs some fixing up before we can dedicate it. Talks about reserving the name Little Creek Greenway with 911 for future use will hopefully become a reality.

- b) **Mr. McLeod attended the meeting to discuss Clayton's Greenways. He presented a power point which touched base on major points regarding coordination, current projects and planning of greenways in the area. Current projects consist of Sam's Branch Ph II. Mr. McLeod discussed the benefits of greenways such as jobs, tourism, tax base and competitiveness. Touched base on USA Today's 15 fantastic bike trails and filled in where each North Carolina trail would fall if on the list according to mileage. North Carolina's combined trail networks will connect over 5.4 million residents, and span more than 2,800 miles and touch 64 counties. Mr. McLeod discussed the widening of Hwy 42 West and the impact it will have on the community both good and bad. A Comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian concept plan was shared. Discussion regarding the SPOT 5 proposed projects was discussed. The greenways include East Clayton Connector, Cobblestone Connector and the Mountains-to-Sea Linkage. Sidewalks include Clayton High school Sidewalk Connector. East Clayton Connector is approx. 1.1 miles and connects Downtown and Front Street Greenway to East Clayton Community Park. Cobblestone Connector is approx .8 miles and connects Bristol and Cobblestone neighborhoods to Downtown and The Community Center. Mountains to Sea Linkage is approx .5 miles, continues the Mountain-to-Sea-Trail and East Clayton Greenway to the county line. The Clayton High School sidewalk connector is approx. .4 miles and would be a crosswalk across US 70 Bus. It would connect Main Street and Clayton High School to the Community Center and Clayton Community Greenway.**

## **5 STAFF REPORTS**

### **Program Update**

- a) **Program Update**  
*Presenter:* Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

**Mr. Bailey began with speaking about open registration for our Spring sports which include Tball, Softball, Baseball and Adult Soccer. We had 75 basketball teams this winter, a few missed games and practices due to the weather but overall a great season so far. Fitness classes have continued, introduced a new class called chair yoga. Early registration for summer camps is over, registration will begin in March. We have held several different no school day camps which were all successful and helpful to parents.**

**Bridge construction is supposed to start next Monday, have had a few delays due to weather. Bridge is supposed to be completed by end of February. People will have to detour through Riverwood until construction is complete.**

**Tennis court lights still don't work correctly, we think they are getting some water in the line every time it rains. Last estimate to get them fixed was \$6,000. Not sure if it is due to the rain or just a coincidence, hope to get it figured out and fixed.**

**6      ADJOURN**

**ACTION:**    Motion to adjourn

**Motion:** Board Member Rebecca Bradford

**Second:** Board Member Alexis Bollman

**Vote:** Unanimous

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**Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk to the Board**