



**The Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, April 9, 2018 @ 6:00pm
Clayton Community Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Monica Antes
Alexis Bollman
Emily Beddingfield
Rebecca Bradford
Skip Browder
Richard Champion
Ruth Hunt
Pamela Smith
Dean Penny**

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Travis Crowder
Marty Kornegay
Karen Phinazee
Toby Williamson
Mike Surasky
Theodore Willer Jr.**

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Draft Minutes January 8, 2018
Draft Minutes February 12, 2018**

Action: Approval of January 8, and February 12, 2018 Minutes

**Motion: Board Member Rebecca Bradford
Second: Board Member Alexis Bollman**

3 OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Bailey informed the board that although the disc golf course is not officially open, we did host a very successful tournament there over the weekend. About 85 participants showed up including the guys that helped develop the course. People from Virginia, South Carolina and elsewhere showed up to play. Tee boxes were put in late last week and an official grand opening is scheduled for April 29th. Mr. Bailey mentioned that he does have an Eagle Scout project lined up now to build benches on the course and he recently had another scout contact him. We will look into ordering some discs with our name and logo on them for the dedication. There are a lot of excited people ready to get this course open!

b) **Universal Playground Fundraising**

Presenter: Dean Penny

Mr. Penny began telling the board about the Harmony Playground. He mentioned that the recreation foundation is currently raising funds to build a universal playground that would allow for kids and parents of all ages to play together including children in wheelchairs and with special needs. The playground will be at Glen Laurel Park and they are currently in the middle of final designs. There will be a central area with a themed fort that has different levels on it. One other area of the playground will be construction related with sand and digging equipment, rocks and walls. A musical area will also be constructed and the NC State Park Scholars Class of 2019 has taken that on as their legacy project. A year ago \$700,000 was the budget to raise, however come June we will have an updated cost estimate. Mr. Penny said that as of right now we have about \$350,000 committed. We are going to push really hard to get to that goal by this Fall. We are also hoping to break ground this Fall. There will be a golf tournament on June 1, 2018 at the Neuse Golf Club. There will be morning rounds and afternoon rounds. There is also a Fall Gala currently set for October 13, 2018. Mr. Penny mentioned that the foundation is working with a playground manufacturer and they are hoping that many components of the playground will be of a natural setting. Mr. Penny and Ms. Bradford then discussed White Deer Park in Garner and how it was very neatly done, but simple.

c) **July 4, 2018**

Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Bailey first mentioned that at the last meeting Ms. Smith agreed to head the volunteer list for the event. Mr. Surasky agreed to head the sponsorships however he was not present for the meeting this week. Volunteers will need to start around 4:00pm. Mr. Bailey talked about how some families come out early to do a few games etc., and stay till dark but some families show up later in the day and still enjoy the fireworks. The main tent will house raffle tickets and ride tickets. Central Park Band will be playing at this year's celebration and we will need to rent a stage and sound system. We will usually have between \$5,000 - \$7,000 in expenses. It was mentioned that last year we put the extra money into the Universal Playground. We need to keep in mind that the Town is still paying for a lot such as Police, staff and fireworks. We will have an emergency operation plan that is developed by fire and Police. By 9:00 pm there will be thousands of people out there. It was then confirmed that Karen will still be doing Bingo. The Clayton Chamber business list was then passed around to

see if anyone had any contacts at any listed businesses.

4 NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Capital Improvement Project: Legend Park**
***Presenter:* Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director**

Mr. Bailey spoke about The Town Council having their retreat recently. Mr. Lawter said that a lot of Parks and Recreation items were on the budget list including lights on the fields and a lot of other items that seemed to sound reasonable. Mr. Bailey talked about Parks and Recreation having a lot of needs despite that fact that we do not have a lot money available. The amount of money we would be able to bond to keep and maintain our goals is very limited, we would need to prioritize. The board then reviewed drawings and plans for the future of Munciple Park. Plans show the desire to take out the ball field and make it more of an entertainment area. Keeping Playground space and including a large event space for other corporations, it would have value for sure and with lights it could potentially still be a practice field for baseball.

5 STAFF REPORTS

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

Mr. Bailey discussed the upcoming plant sale that will take place this Saturday at 8:00am. Vegetable plants and flowers will all be present and a lot of the plants are raised in our green house. Some money from the sale is always donated back towards the community garden. Saturday will also be opening day for our softball and baseball teams, the ceremony will take place at 9:00am. Two senior events have already taken place in the Senior Games and opening ceremonies were held today at Clayton High School. The board discussed Senior Games and went over the schedule of events. Mr. Bailey talked about the Special Needs Dance that took place recently and how much of a success it was. A great turn out as usual!

- b) **Committee Comments**

6 ADJOURN

Action: Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Board Member Rebecca Bradford

Second: Board Member Pamela Smith

Vote: Unanimous

Rebecca Bradford, Chair

ATTEST:

Lauren Lambert, Clerk to the Board