



**The Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Clayton Community Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theodore Willer
Dean Penny
Skip Browder
Rebecca Bradford
Karen Phinazee

STAFF PRESENT:

Larry Bailey, Parks & Recreation Director
Christy Anastasi, Clerk to the Board
Council Member Butch Lawter

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Emily Beddingfield
Travis Crowder
Sally Schlindwein
Ruth Hunt
Marty Kornegay
Toby Williamson
Richard Champion

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) The meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm. A quorum was not present. Due to a quorum not being present no action was taken.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a)
 - Draft Minutes - November 14, 2016 Meeting
 - Draft Minutes - February 13, 2017 Meeting

3 NEW BUSINESS

Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks & Recreation Director

- a) Connect NC Bond Grant

Mr. Bailey stated the Parks & Recreation Department was granted the Connect NC Bond Grant for Children and Veterans with Disabilities. A total of 45 projects were submitted and a point system was used based on the number of children with disabilities and the number of veterans per county. Johnston County was identified as having a high number of children with disabilities and veterans. The amount received was \$86,810 which will be used for the "Quiet Phase" of the Universal Playground. Mr. Bailey stated the project must be completed within three years.

- b) July 4th Celebration
 - Committees

- Sponsorship
- Volunteers

Mr. Bailey stated that due to having no quorum the selection for the sub-committees and chairs for both sponsorship and volunteer sub-committees will be discussed at the April 10, 2017 meeting provided a quorum is present. Mr. Bailey stated he would explain the process and expectations of the sub-committees at the next meeting as well. Mr. Bailey stated the band scheduled this year for the 4th of July would be Coast Line a local band. Mr. Bailey stated the stage setup should be basically the same as last year.

4 OLD BUSINESS

Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks & Recreation Director

a) Disc Golf Course Progress

Mr. Bailey stated the disc golf course has been flagged. GIS people are also being used for the current layout of the course. However, there is an area that needs to be redesigned due to the current layout going over the property line. Mr. Bailey stated Mr. Bobby Hen along with several volunteers have been working on the weekends to help speed up the process. The baskets have been ordered and everything currently is ahead of schedule and moving along very well.

b) River Walk Trail Disruptions

Mr. Bailey stated the latest update on the River Walk Trail disruptions is the construction by the lift station is scheduled to be completed by of May 2017, and the lift station site cleanup will be by July 2017. Mr. Bailey stated there were several citizen requests to cut a path through the woods behind the lift station. It was considered however, due to the wetlands behind the lift station this was not an option. Mr. Bailey stated "Covered Bridge" the bridge that was damaged by the hurricane currently has signs posted directing people to detour, and go through part of the Riverwood Community. There was some discussion about signage posted in the area of the damaged bridge. A few board members stated the signs were missing. Mr. Bailey stated he would have staff go out to the trail, and check on the signs. If in fact the signs are missing then new ones will be posted as soon as possible. Mr. Bailey stated an environmental assessment was made on the damaged bridge and the next step is getting FEMA involved once the environmental assessment paperwork is complete. Mr. Bailey stated most likely the bridge will not be replaced, and functional until the end of 2017.

c) Johnston County Senior Games Volunteers

Mr. Bailey stated the Senior Games are a two week event however, Thursday, March 30, 2017 will be one of the busiest days for the Senior Games. On this day the bocce ball and cornhole tournament will occur here in Clayton. There will be eight bocce ball and eight cornhole tournaments running at the same time. Mr. Bailey requested volunteers for that day to help with bocce ball and the cornhole tournaments. Mr. Bailey explained that sixteen volunteers would be needed during the bocce ball tournament. No experience is necessary to

volunteer for these tournaments.

d) **Special Needs Dance**

Mr. Bailey stated the special needs dance will be on Friday, March 17, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The Clayton Youth Council (CYC) will be assisting with the dance. Mr. Bailey stated this is a wonderful event, and welcomed everyone to attend.

e) **Universal Playground Fundraising Update**

Mr. Penny stated that the foundation board hired T&T Creative Group in October 2016 to lead the fund raising efforts for the Universal Playground. Ms. Lyn Purkerson with T&T Creative Group has setup three committees, a steering committee, education committee and a unity committee. These three committees have been formed to help raise money for the Universal Playground. There are goals that T&T Creative Group have to meet every three, six, and nine months, so far the goals are slightly ahead. Mr. Penny stated there are around \$300,000 in pledges, so far. Mr. Penny stated that Ms. Purkerson has several companies that have committed pledges between \$25,000 up to \$100,000. At the fund raising golf tournament on May 5, 2017 Ms. Purkerson will be making an announcement about the pledges.

f) **Program Update**

Mr. Bailey stated that the summer playground program was completely full three hours after registration began. Mr. Bailey stated that several summer camp programs will be offered. A few of the specialty camps offered are art, pottery, nature, tennis, youth sports camps, and many more. Mr. Bailey stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 this year. The Clayton Road Race will be held May 13, 2017. Mr. Bailey stated volunteers will be needed for the road race. Assistance will be needed at Town Hall in the Council Chambers to register people for the road race that morning between 7:00 am - 9:00 am.

5 Committee Comments

6 ADJOURN

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With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

ATTEST:


Christy Anastasi, Clerk to the Board



Theodore Willer, Chair