



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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marty Kornegay
Richard Champion
Emily Beddingfield
Skip Browder
Rebecca Bradford

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sally Schlindwein
Ruth Hunt
Travis Crowder
Dean Penny
Karen Phinazee
Toby Williamson
Theodore Willer

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. 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

3 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Introduction of New Members
Presenter: Larry Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Bailey welcomed all the new members and thanked everyone for being part of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Bailey provided some history of the Parks and Recreation Department. Occasionally there will be items that will need to be discussed and approved before moving on to the Town Council. There will be many opportunities to volunteer at many of the events and programs. Each individual can decide at what level of involvement he or she would like to have.

4 OLD BUSINESS

a) Program Update

Mr. Bailey provided an update about the summer 2017 program and guide book. This guide will be in effect until August of 2017 and then a fall/winter book will come out. Currently three area school gyms are being used on Saturdays as well as the recreation center to accomodate the needs of the programs. The long range plan is to add a double gym.

Mr. Bailey provided an update on the Johnston County Senior Games, which run from March 22 - April 7, 2017. In order to participate you must be 50 years or older and be a resident of Johnston County for three consecutive months. Mr. Bailey went over several events included in the more than 30 events offered at the senior games.

b) Disc Golf Course Progress/Update

Mr. Bailey provided an update on disc golf. Currently the course is in the process of being designed to include a total of 18 holes. The course will include a future mountain to sea trail access. Mr. Bailey stated a disc golf course is designed to utilize the terrain with minimal clearing of trees and land. Most of what is removed is the undergrowth to create different fairways. The plan is to have the clearing complete by spring. Once the clearing is complete then sponsorships will then begin to defray the cost.

c) Universal Playground Fundraising Update

Mr. Bailey provided an update on the Universal Playground. A universal playground is designed for children with special needs and will also have traditional playground equipment as well. Water and sand features will be included. The total funding needed is between \$600,000 - \$700,000. The playground fundraising will run through the foundation, which is a 501(c)3, and not through the Town. The Town will provide the location, maintenance and up keep. A fund raising golf tournament will be held on May 5, 2017. There was discussion about how the universal playground will be not only for the children but for the care giver as well.

Mr. Bailey provided an update on upcoming program. The Playground Camp is expecting 150 children between June 12- June 18. A teen camp will also be offered. On May 13, 2017 the road race will be held from 9:00am - 11:30 am. Mr. Bailey stated volunteers will be needed for this event. The volunteering will consist of checking people in, providing numbers to runners and providing tee-shirts to runners. On March 17, 2017 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM the special needs dance will be held at the community center. There are 75 - 125 people expected for this event. Mr. Bailey stated volunteers will be needed for this event to assist with refreshments. Suggestion was made to have a local dance studio come out and teach some hula dancing during the event. An update was provided on the Community Garden. Gardening classes are ten week sessions and are held three times per year. The seedlings are being planted for the community garden and for the plant sale beginning in April 2017. More than 5700 pounds of food was generated by the community garden and was given to

back to the community through Clayton Area Ministries.

5 STAFF REPORTS

a)

Mr. Bailey provided an update on two closures on the trails. Mr. Bailey stated there is still a bridge out due to the hurricane. The damaged bridge has not yet been replaced. The plan is to have the bridge replaced by an engineered bridge. An engineering firm has stated the cost is estimated at \$200,000. The Town is working with FEMA to be able to help with the cost. Currently there is no time table as to when the bridge will be replaced. As soon as FEMA gives the go ahead then replacement of the bridge will begin. Mr. Bailey stated the second area of the trail that is closed is the lift station at Sam's Branch. The lift station is being doubled in size. This project began in September and was to be a 60 day project, however, the hurricane came and washed away all of the work that had been accomplished. The lift station project work has started again.

6 COMMITTEE COMMENTS

a)

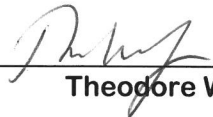
There was discussion about communication with the public and making the public aware of the trails as well as all of the programs the community center has to offer. One way to communicate with the public is the Main Street Parade. This is a way to introduce Downtown Clayton and to show what all Clayton has to offer. Mr. Bailey stated if any of the board members have any suggestions to please feel free to share during these meetings.

7 ADJOURN

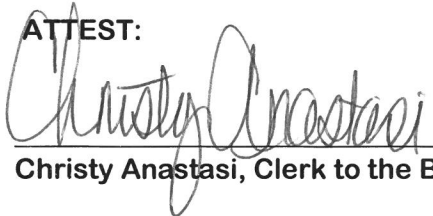
a) Adjourn Meeting

With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Motion: Board Member Bradford
Second: Board Member Kornegay
Vote: Unanimous


Theodore Willer, Chair

ATTEST:


Christy Anastasi, Clerk to the Board