



**Town of Clayton
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM
The Community Center, 715 Amelia Church Road**

<p>Board Members Present: Kuanyu Chen Travis Crowder Denise Husband Rebecca Bradford Natasha Ellis-Smith Carol Houston Corie Miller Charles Counts</p> <p>Board Members Absent: Mark S. Morgan Emily Beddingfield Greg Forde</p>	<p>Staff Present: Ruth Anderson, Council Member Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Riddick, Parks and Recreation Asst. Director Kelly Young, Board Clerk</p>
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1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) DRAFT Minutes
Adoption of 10 March 25 Minutes

<p>RESULT: CARRIED MOVER: Carol Houston SECONDER: Rebecca Bradford</p>

3 OLD BUSINESS

- a) Legend Park Project
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard shared details about the ongoing Legend Park Project. It is a three-phase project with Phase Two, the construction phase, slated to be completed this summer. RiverWILD is scheduled to install a Greenway segment. Phase Three focuses on the stabilization of the project, including a grassy overlay. A parking lot will then be constructed in the fall or next spring. The hope is that the parking construction will not

interfere with the opening of the Greenway, which is planned to open by the end of fall.

- b) Annual Board Tour
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

An Advisory Board tour is scheduled for April 27 at 1pm. Stops along the tour may include Legend Park, Loop Road, Clayton Community Park, and two other Town-owned properties (Weyerhaeuser and Little Creek Church Rd). Discussion moved into a question about fencing between the CCP playground and trail. It was suggested that without a barrier, like fencing, the area may become problematic with wheeled vehicles and pets. Crossing the trail to access bathroom facilities was mentioned as another area of concern.

- c) Future Park Assessment
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard shared that, once again, the Town will be working with SageDesign, who recently completed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to access various Town properties and possible usage for nature-based recreation. The goal is not to look specifically for areas to designate as athletic fields/construction possibilities but to focus on a diversity of properties that might meet the need for passive recreation. Properties will be viewed through the lens of identified needs in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

- d) Senior Programming
Presenter: Todd Riddick, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Riddick commented on the ongoing senior programs happening with Johnston County Senior Games. JCSG is scheduled at various locations across the county and Joni Hubble-Zeneberg, our local coordinator, has been very busy organizing and leading events. Track and Field will take place tomorrow (April 15) at Clayton High School and several volunteer opportunities are still available. An additional plug for senior programming was added for our daytime fitness classes, including Qigong and Senior Fitness, as well as Coffee and Conversations.

4 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Volunteer Opportunities
Presenter: Todd Riddick, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Riddick further detailed specific ways to volunteer with Senior Games, including horseshoes on April 22, cornhole on April 29 and May 1. He also mentioned our Adaptive and Inclusive Dance on May 16, the Journey League in July- August and November-December, as well as Square to Square on July 4. Business cards for Lauren Lambert, our Marketing and Special Events Coordinator, were distributed so that those interested could reach out for more details. There is a wide gamut of future opportunities for volunteerism.

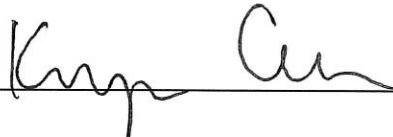
5 STAFF REPORTS

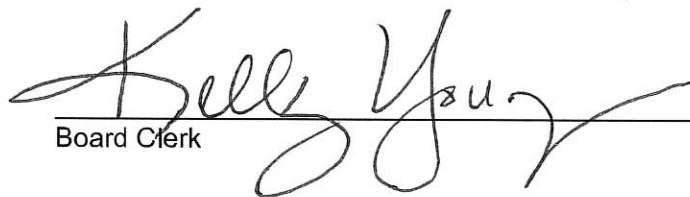
- a) Mr. Barnard reported that our Summer Camp program is full as there is a high demand. He also reported that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday (April 19) at CHS and the Clayton Youth Council will be largely involved. He invited the Board to share the event with friends and to bring their kids. Twelve thousand eggs will be laid on the football field and divided into three sections by age. Mr. Barnard continued sharing that the basketball season just wrapped and baseball starts soon. This is the last week of flag football and soccer has also been hugely successful. A discussion about motorized vehicles on greenways and the installation of cameras for safety was opened and preliminary reports from the Ag Extension about the annual plant sale indicated that there was a great turnout.

6 ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Duly adopted this the 12th day of May, 2025 while in regular session.


Board Chair


Board Clerk

