



**Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
October 10, 2022 at 6:00pm
Clayton Community Center**

Board Members Present:

Emily Beddingfield
Rebecca Bradford
Travis Crowder
Karen Phinazee
Daniel Santarsiero
Mark Turnbull
Ted Willer

Board Members Absent:

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Mark Morgan
Jordan Sims

Staff Present:

Avery Everett, Town Council Member
Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
Kelly Young, Board Clerk

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm.

Motion: Emily Beddingfield
Second: Rebecca Bradford
Vote: Carried

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) DRAFT Minutes
- June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion: Mark Turnbull
Second: Ted Willer
Vote: Carried

3 OLD BUSINESS

- a) Bond Projects Update
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard updated the Board on several park projects. East Clayton construction is still making headway, but it's moving slowly. Hopefully, asphalt will be completed before cold weather. Curbs and gutters are down on a third of the site. There is not much walkable area on the paved trail currently. Municipal is still awaiting picnic tables; we received only a partial delivery. Permanent lighting in the restrooms is set to be installed this week and the electrical portion of the stage is forthcoming. There will be a meeting about Community Park tomorrow and 90% plans for the park are due in three weeks. Discussion is needed to figure out the full funding of the project. The current playground structure at CCP is unusable due to safety concerns and no replacement parts are available. The maintenance crew will remove those pieces in the near future. Along with posts on social media, an A-Frame sign was suggested to keep citizens informed.

b) Greenway Closures Update

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard commented that the Greenway closures due to the Waste-Water Treatment Plant construction are scheduled to reopen mid-December. The State has sent notification that work at Legend Park is hoping to begin in spring/summer 2023. This will hopefully overlap any bridgework that is also set to begin so that closures of the Greenway can coincide with both projects. Several questions were addressed concerning Greenway access near the post office and the one behind Matthew's Motors, where a recent spill had occurred.

c) Legend Park Update

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

General questions about the park were asked and discussed. New word from the State noted a possible spring/summer 2023 start date for cleanup.

d) Johnston County Skate Park

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard shared that a second event sponsored by the group, Friends of Johnston County Skate Park, was held at the Clayton Center recently. An 80's skate film was shown while youth and parents spoke to the Town Council about their efforts. The group is hoping to hold an event once a month to bring an awareness to the increased interest for a skate park in the area and are considering East Clayton and its new asphalt as a possible location. They are in the process of coming up with funds either through grants or corporate sponsorships as well as brainstorming size, style and possible locations for the skate park before bringing it back to the Recreation Advisory Board who can then take to Council. They are just getting started on turning their passion into action. Ideas might possibly be entertained to monetize the park if built in such a way that it can become incrementally larger and have an economic impact on the community.

e) Community Park

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Since Community Park updates had been given previously in other discussions, Mr. Barnard added that a new piece of equipment was purchased to help field preparations. A robotic paint machine that works off GPS as well as CAD programming seems to be an amazing addition to the maintenance side of things. It

can paint a soccer field in 15 minutes that would ordinarily take two people three hours by hand. Designs can be uploaded on the crew's iPad and it can even paint using different PSI so that various surfaces, including dirt, can be marked.

- f) Parks and Recreation Facility Greenway/Online Maps
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Various departments in the Town are meeting such as GIS and the Public Information office to coordinate information in preparing specific maps for our parks and Greenways. The goal is to have something in place by the first of the year. These maps would include shelter locations, trail distances and connectivity to various systems.

- g) Clayton Clovers
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Our Clayton Clovers did very well this past summer and have now moved up in league credibility. They will play in the Old North South League next year which is one step below Single-A baseball. Some facility improvements have already been discussed such as additional seating and a screen behind the batter's box to help the outfielders with visibility. There was a brief discussion concerning pricing as an issue for spectators.

4 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Shade Structure for Playground at Municipal Park
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard commented that very little funds are left to spend at Municipal but the need for a shade structure over the playground area is being discussed with the engineers.

- b) Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard shared that the Town's plate is full and that the Master Plan roll out will be delayed till spring. This delay will push bidding back for various projects and grant applications cannot be submitted till Fall of 2024 since the more lucrative grants will require an updated Master Plan. The Recreation Advisory Board expressed their collective disappointment in this delay and Mr. Barnard said he would relay this position to Council.

5 STAFF REPORTS

- a) In the Parks and Recreation athletics and program world, Mr. Barnard relayed that the number of volleyball teams has doubled this year as we participate in a county league. We have served ALA, a new charter school needing access to a gym facility and doubled our projections in revenue for rentals at CHS to date. Other programs proving successful include the addition of goat yoga, floral design, and a chess club. Several of our staff will attend the NCRPA state conference next week and big events such as Fall Fling, Harvest Festival, Boo Bash and Downtown Trick or Treat are just around the corner.

6 ADJOURN

- a) The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Motion: Rebecca Bradford

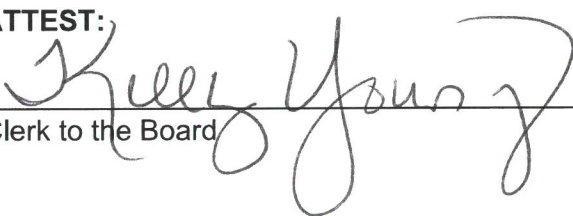
Second: Ted Willer

Vote: Carried

Duly adopted this the 14th day of November, 2022 while in regular session.


Board Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk to the Board