



**Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Agenda
Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Clayton Community Center**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. DRAFT Minutes
 - Recreation Advisory Board- 11 April 2022 Regular Meeting
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3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. COVID-19 May Update
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
POTENTIAL ACTION: None- Informational Only
- b. Bond Projects Update
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
POTENTIAL ACTION: None-Informational Only
- c. Greenway Closures Update
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
POTENTIAL ACTION: None-Informational Only
- d. Loop Road Park Update
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
POTENTIAL ACTION: None- Informational Only
- e. Sinclair Park
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
POTENTIAL ACTION: None- Informational Only
- f. Budget Update
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
POTENTIAL ACTION: None- Informational Only
- g. Johnston County Skate Park
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director
POTENTIAL ACTION: None- Informational Only

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Community Park
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

POTENTIAL ACTION:

None- Informational Only

5. STAFF REPORTS

6. ADJOURN



**Town Of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
April 11, 2022 @ 6:00pm
Clayton Community Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emily Beddingfield
Travis Crowder
Butch Lawter
Mark Morgan
Karen Phinazee
Mark Turnbull
Ted Willer

STAFF PRESENT:

Council Member Avery Everett
Scott Barnard
Kelly Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gina Garera
Rebecca Bradford
Daniel Santarsiero
Jordan Sims

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Motion: Board Chair Emily Beddingfield
Second: Board Member Karen Phinazee
Vote: Unanimous

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) DRAFT Minutes
- Recreation Advisory Board- 14 March 2022 Regular Meeting

ACTION:

- Adoption of March 14, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Board Chair Emily Beddingfield
Second: Board Member Mark Turnbull
Vote: Unanimous

3 OLD BUSINESS

- a) COVID-19 April Update
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard stated that there were no changes or updates to our current COVID policies and procedures. The Town continues to monitor the situation. Masks are still optional at this time, but temperature checks are required upon entry to the Town facilities. Enhanced cleaning measures also continue. One added bonus at the Community Center is that along with our regular custodial staff, the CHS Life Skills class comes multiple times weekly and assists in this capacity.

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

Mr. Barnard shared several Bond projects updates. At Municipal, shelter structures are visible, curbs and gutters are being poured and sidewalks are taking shape. Playground equipment is to arrive the first week in May. The goal is to be open at the beginning of July with a grand opening targeted for Labor Day. Other municipalities have visited Municipal in considering plans for their own sites, which is a huge compliment. At East Clayton, the driveway permit has been received and the concrete around the baseball field is tentatively scheduled for next week. There is also a secondary entrance/exit for construction vehicles being prepared.

- c) **Greenway Closures Update**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Information regarding Greenway closures is less than ideal as Mr. Barnard explained that a portion of the Greenway is set to close on April 18, 2022 and will not reopen till the fall. The sequencing of the job materials and availability are the issue for the length of the project. Grass along the Greenway will continue to be maintained but at a taller depth and QR codes will be posted that will link to maps and updates on the closures. Mr. Barnard also updated the Board about bridge replacements along the Greenway which should occur in early spring/late summer. They will be concrete deck bridges which will save the Town maintenance in the long run. After the bridge replacements, Legend Park will begin updates. Unfortunately, it looks like the closures along the Greenway will be separate closings.

- d) **Loop Road Park Update**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Loop Road Park now has lots of rye grass and germination happening according to Mr. Barnard. June 1, 2022 is set for the overseeding of Bermuda grass due to temperature requirements. The fields will not be playable until perhaps next fall due to the need for grass growth. Soil stabilization and erosion control has been the biggest focus recently. We are still awaiting site plan approval from the State as well as some clarification on some of the restrictions.

- e) **Sinclair Park**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Signage for Sinclair Park, formally known as All-Star Park, is tentatively set to be unveiled on May 21, 2022. Mr. Barnard shared that we are currently

awaiting approval on the text from Darren Banks who is helping coordinate the project. Part of the signage will include biographical information about Clyde Sinclair, a former Globetrotter from Clayton. Work on the basketball court will hopefully take place late summer or early fall, upon approval from the Globetrotter's legal team. An event including Globetrotter appearances is anticipated for next spring when the team generally swings through the area.

- f) **Town Website/ Parks & Facilities Maps**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard commented that the Town's GIS Coordinator is currently working on new maps for the Town to be included on the Town's website.

- g) **Nature Playground Update**
Presenter: Emily Beddingfield, Recreation Advisory Board Chair

Mrs. Beddingfield shared there were no new updates to the nature playground. She is touching base with someone for a design concept/sketch so that once plans for Legend are underway, the nature playground would be ready to begin as well. She has also received contact information for someone who specializes in chainsaw art, which would be a cool addition to the area.

- h) **Recreation Advisory Board By-laws**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard encouraged the Advisory Board to review the current by-laws and be ready to discuss any possible changes or updates that might be recommended at the next meeting.

4 NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Budget Update**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard commented on the upcoming budget year. Several discussions have been held regarding the defense of increases and decreases in the budget. Most of the decreases involve the shifting of line items to other areas to accommodate growth and efficiency and standardizing areas across departments. Some of the increases are due to revenue projections like increased sports participation. Our rise in numbers is beginning to be comparable to 2019, pre-pandemic. Also, \$200,000 is being asked to allot for the update of the Master Plan since our current one from 2012 is outdated.

- b) **Johnston County Skate Park**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard shared that he had been asked to serve on a committee by Friends of the Johnston County Skate Park, a grassroots group seeking to partner with the Town for space and funding for a skate park in Clayton. The group plans to attend the Council meeting on April 18th to make a plea for the project.

5 STAFF REPORTS

- a) Mr. Barnard addressed questions concerning changes in the pottery program and an Earth Day cleanup event sponsored by Friends of Johnston County Parks to be held on April 23rd. Mr. Lawter commented on the trail survey which was just completed that identifies the route from Clayton to Smithfield. Additionally, questions were addressed concerning 4th of July festivities and ideas were entertained about tourism opportunities in Town for riders on the Greenway.

6 ADJOURN

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Motion: Board Member Karen Phinazee
Second: Board Member Mark Morgan
Vote: Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 9th day of May, 2022 while in regular session.

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board