



**Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2021
Zoom**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emily Beddingfield
Rebecca Bradford
Travis Crowder
Gina Garera
Bennett Jones
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Mark Morgan
John Saluppo
Ted Willer

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Barnard
Avery Everett
Lauren Lambert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave Danko
Karen Phinazee

1 CALL TO ORDER

- a) This meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Motion: Board Member Emily Beddingfield
Second: Board Member Bennett Jones
Vote: Unanimous

- b) Introduction of New Member - John Saluppo

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of November 10, 2020 Minutes
Minutes Approved

Motion: Board Member Emily Beddingfield
Second: Board Member Bennett Jones
Vote: Unanimous

3 OLD BUSINESS

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

Bond projects and timelines are still in discussion, phase 1 and phase 2 projects need to be presented to Town Council, we were given some alternatives and will hopefully be getting back with them this week regarding our priorities. We will present these to them in February. Ms. Beddingfield mentioned itemizing each park and making a list of what we would like to see. She emphasized her interest in seeing Municipal Park moved back to phase 1. The committee discussed prioritizing needs vs. wants, examples given were artificial turf, paving trails, parking lot lights. Mr. Barnard said that how things get prioritized will be up to us, and council will then need to approve. Discussion of the bond money came up, and it was said that 2/3 will be in the first borrowed amount, and then 1/3 will be in the final borrow. Ms. Bradford brought up the topic of bathrooms being winterized at Municipal Park. She asked if the bathrooms could possibly remain open this year with it being a trail head. Mr. Barnard and the rest of the committee discussed this and it was decided that port a johns would be a possibility, but that bathrooms would remain closed. Mr. Mark Morgan asked about the progress of a partnership with The Clayton Civitan Club. Mr. Barnard said that it has been presented to their leadership board and he has not had a follow up with Mr. Grannis.

b) Discussion Regarding Profiting Off Town Resources
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Discussions regarding partnerships have begun, we are on solid ground with Clayton Middle School and have been given access to that property. This year has been crazy in a lot of ways, but kids remaining off the field for majority of the year has really given the fields some time to grow. The fields look the best they have ever looked. Mr. Bennett discussed that tomorrow the school board will meet and hopefully some more discussions will take place regarding outside use agreements and sports. It was discussed again about private instructors using our facilities, and it seems as though the best options at this point are signage, webpage rules, and to go about rentals as we do with fields.

c) Joint Committee with Planning
Presenter: Emily Beddingfield, Board Chair

The greenway committee has started meeting, and talking about future ideas and plans. So far it has seen good conversation. There has been discussions regarding signage, use of the greenways for future events including the Road Race and more. The committee will continue to meet, so if you are not already on the committee and wish to be please let Emily know.

d) Building Renovations
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Building renovations are in full swing, we got a large new front desk installed. The track is being refinished, and construction to fill in a large gap area is completed. We will hopefully have lines painted soon. The basketball court is on the verge of being completely finished, we added a town seal, town colors, and some more permanent lines. Everything looks really great.

4 NEW BUSINESS

- a) **E-Bikes, Onewheels, and More**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard presented the idea of board members discussing the usage of E-Bikes, Onewheels, and more on the greenways. He would like for board members to think about greenway rules, and how they would like to enforce them. What should be allowed, and what should not be allowed. We will follow up on this.

- b) **Joint Use Agreements Update**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Discussed in Old Buisness B

- c) **COVID-19 Reopening Plan**
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

A mid February date has been presented to Council for the Clayton Community Center to open. No decision was made, but it is in discussion. Hopefully we hear something soon, could possibly be pushed to March.

5 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Athletics**

Athletics are still on hold, but we are really hoping for spring sports. Information is being prepared and we are waiting on final decisions from council.

- b) **Programming**

A lot of virtual classes are still happening, Christmas craft boxes were a hit, will be doing them for Valentine's Day as well. Stephanie and Joni will be working on getting spring classes in order in case we are able to open, if not they are coming up with ideas that will continue providing the community with options.

- c) **Facilities**

6 ADJOURN

- a) **This meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**

Motion: Board Member Emily Beddingfield
Second: Board Member Rebecca Bradford
Vote: Unanimous

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board