



**Town of Clayton  
Parks and Recreation Advisory  
February 8, 2021  
Zoom**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Emily Beddingfield  
Rebecca Bradford  
Travis Crowder  
Bennett Jones  
Gina Garera  
Butch Lawter  
Mark Morgan  
Karen Phinazee  
John Saluppo**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation  
Director  
Lauren Lambert  
Councilman Avery Everett**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Dave Danko  
Ted Willer**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Motion: Board Member Emily Beddingfield  
Second: Board Member Butch Lawter  
Vote: Unanimous**

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) **Approval of January 2021 Minutes**

**ACTION: Meeting minutes from January 2021 were approved.**

**Motion: Board Member Emily Beddingfield  
Second: Board Member Butch Lawter  
Vote: Unanimous**

**3 OLD BUSINESS**

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

**We are in the pre-application period with all projects for East Clayton Community Park and Clayton Community Park. Different departments are**

giving their feedback including fire, sewer, and public works. Ms. Beddingfield suggested a line by line approach, where we go through a list of our parks and see what needs to be done/priorities.

**b) Discussion Regarding Profiting Off Town Resources**

**Presenter:** Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Some signs have been ordered to help with teaching the public that in order to use our grounds for a program, they must rent them or have permission from the town. It will be extremely difficult to determine if someone is using the space as a rental or not, we will have to work hard to make this transition work. Information will need to be relayed out to the public and signage will be key.

**c) Joint Committee with Downtown Development**

**Presenter:** Emily Beddingfield, Board Chair

The joint committee has met several times and discussed signage, colors, designs, and expectations. The idea of interactive maps has come up in discussion and partnerships continue to grow with downtown businesses. The Annual Clayton Road Race will most likely be more of a virtual race, and could involve the greenway. No final decisions made yet.

**d) Building Renovations**

**Presenter:** Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

The Clayton Community Center is ready to go! Longer time has been needed for glass doors, but we could open at any time if we needed too. Safety guards (plexi screens) have been placed at the new front desk, and all construction is complete!

**e) E-Bikes, Onewheels, and More**

**Presenter:** Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard informed the committee that this has been a topic of conversation all over the state recently. The directors conference that he just attended had an hour long information session on this topic. Some regulations need to be set in place. The idea was thrown around to make some type of video that could be shared on social media promoting greenway safety, rules, and regulations. Speed limits on the greenway were discussed as well. The committee discussed headphone usage on trails making it harder for people to hear, kids running in different directions, and dogs on retractable leashes pulling away from their walkers. All of these things should be discussed more in depth with members of the joint greenway committee, advisory board members, and frequent users of the greenway. Mr. Barnard suggested painting speed limits on the greenways as well. It may be more visible for people to see as they are riding or running.

**f) Joint Use Agreements**

**Presenter:** Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard recently spoke with the towns attorney, he will hopefully get everything to him by the end of the week. The information can then be passed

on to potential partners at Civitan and with the school system.

g) **Covid-19**

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

The town is still discussing the possibility of opening on March 1st. People in surrounding towns are opening up, and we are starting to get questions. We will be looking to start baseball season mid April as well.

**4 NEW BUSINESS**

**5 STAFF REPORTS**

a) **Athletics**

Looking to begin the baseball/softball season in mid-April.

b) **Programming**

Fitness programs are still virtual. The virtual poker run is taking place, and we have painted Valentine's Day frames out at East Clayton Dog Park, and Harmony Playground.

c) **Facilities**

Baseball fields are being worked on, and touched up as we prepare for the upcoming season. Foul poles have been removed, and we are waiting on dry weather to replace them with new ones.

**6 ADJOURN**

This meeting was

a) This meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**ACTION:** This meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**Motion:** Board Member Emily Beddingfield

**Second:** Board Member Gina Garera

**Vote:** Unanimous

  
Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Clerk to the Board

