



**Town of Clayton  
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes  
April 12, 2020 @ 6:00  
Clayton Community Center**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Emily Beddingfield  
Travis Crowder  
Gina Garera  
Bennett Jones  
Mark Morgan  
Karen Phinazee  
Ted Willer

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Scott Barnard  
Lauren Lambert  
Avery Everett

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Butch Lawter  
John Saluppo  
Rebecca Bradford  
David Danko

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

- a) This meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**ACTION:** Motion to call the meeting to order

Motion: Board Chair Emily Beddingfield  
Second: Board Member Travis Crowder  
Vote: Unanimous

**2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Approval of February 2021 Minutes  
Approval of March 2021 Minutes

**ACTION:** Motion to Approve Minutes Accepted

Motion: Board Chair Emily Beddingfield  
Second: Board Member Ted Willer  
Vote: Unanimous

### **3 OLD BUSINESS**

- a) **Joint Committee with Downtown Development**  
**Presenter: Emily Beddingfield, Board Chair**

Ms. Beddingfield talked about this committee and some recent changes that have taken place. This committee has taken a step back from meetings and discussions due to a lot of projects being postponed. The news of Legend Park shutting down due to construction has put a twist in future plans. This committee plans to regroup in the future.

- b) **Building Renovations**  
**Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director**

Building renovations have finished, and we are stepping into our 2nd month of being open. Money is in the budget to order new fitness equipment, and we will most likely be pulling the trigger on this early next year - or July/August. COVID changes will be coming in May as most town facilities will be reopening. At the Community Center, staff will take a break from scheduled cleanings and will clean periodically while the building remains open. A self check temperature station will be added to the center as well, and everyone who enters must take their temperature.

- c) **COVID-19 - May Changes**  
**Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director**

A follow up to the previous topic, along with the self check temperature station staff will be required to sign into the building after taking their temperature. Sanitizing stations and wipes will remain in the building. We have had great support from the public so far and have had plenty of people express their gratitude regarding how clean and safe they feel while within the building.

- d) **Renaming of All-Star Park**  
**Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director**

Mr. Darren Banks, who recently presented to our board, presented to Council at their last meeting regarding the renaming of All-Star Park. Mr. Banks and a few friends presented the same idea he presented to us, and had full support from Town Council. Council voted right then to rename the park, or a part of the park after Clyde Sinclair. Clyde grew up in Clayton, and went on to become a professional basketball player as well as Harlem Globe Trotter. His outreach to the community is strong, and has a great reputation when it comes to helping the youth of Clayton. Mr. Scott Barnard has already reached out to the Harlem Globe Trotters franchise regarding using a logo, color palette, etc. They seemed to think it was a great idea and Scott will continue to communicate with them. This summer we will hopefully be able to move forward with updated signage. Mr. Crowder asked if we would be looking at a grand opening for this, or event? Mr. Barnard said that he would love to cut a ribbon, and Mr. Everette chimed in that he would be taking it upon himself to let some media platforms know.

#### **4 NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Charrette Process with Town Manager, JD Solomon - May Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Town Manager, JD Solomon is very interested in being a part of the parks planning process, and would love to meet with the board regarding some challenges that need to be discussed, we can figure out Zoom if some folks would like to stay virtual. This meeting could last up to 2 hours, and it will mostly be a discussion with input provided by the board to Mr. Solomon. This is a meeting that will be best in person. Currently the town is taking information from McAdams, HH, and a 3rd party to get estimates compiled. We would love to be able to put dollar signs on some puzzle pieces. Hopefully this will allow us to be closer to the final cost.

- b) Summer Camp  
Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Summer camp registration is open. We are looking to utilize 2 facilities this year, one being the Community Center, and the other being Clayton Middle School. We will be following ACA guidance on space, cleaning and numbers. All campers will be required to wear a mask at this time but as restrictions get lifted, we will accommodate accordingly. We also will be offering 3 weeks of specialty camps. A lot of parents are excited to get their children back in programs!

#### **5 STAFF REPORTS**

- a) Athletics

Saturday we will be hosting skill assessments for spring athletics. Tennis is in full swing, masks are still required while participating in our programs.

- b) Programming

The Clayton Youth Council recently received an award at their Annual Banquet. It's nice to get them back on the map and being recognized, they were awarded for a service project including local first respondents. One member even received the outstanding senior award. Programs have picked up, still doing fitness classes outside. Lots of STEAM classes going strong, and family bingo. Mr. Crowder asked if July 4th would be happening, and it is with sadness that we must announce it will be cancelled this year per town management. Will possibly be holding a family 5k, 4k, or similar event around July 4th.

- c) Facilities

Greenways are staying busy, grass is continuing to grow. Our athletic turf looks the best it has in years. New plant beds, and over seeding has done wonders for our parks.

The Recreation Foundation is looking for creative ideas for fundraising this year. In past they have had golf tournaments and galas.

**6 ADJOURN**

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This meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Motion: Board Chair Emily Beddingfield

Second: Board Member Ted Willer

Vote: Unanimous

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk to the Board