



Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Minutes
June 8, 2020 at 6:00

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Emily Beddingfield
Travis Crowder
Dave Danko
Gina Garera
Mark Morgan
Karen Phinazee
Ted Willer

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Barnard
Councilman Avery Everett

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rebecca Bradford
Bennett Jones
Butch Lawter
Ronald Correia

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of February 2020 Minutes

Motion: Board Member Emily Beddingfield
Second: Board Member Gina Garera
Vote: Unanimous

3 OLD BUSINESS

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

Parks Bond progress was discussed. McAdams and HH Architecture are the two selected firms working on the projects and have been working on surveying each park. They will both be taking their observations to the Town

Council in June or Early July. This will be a public meeting which will be broadcasted, likely on Youtube. An example of changes include looking at opportunities based on grant funding to combine Clayton Middle School and Clayton Community amenities. It was asked if the Town had reached an agreement with the Civitan group yet, Mr. Scott Barnard said it was still under discussion.

b) Social Media

Presenter: Travis Crowder, Recreation Advisory Member

Mr. Crowder has been looking into the idea of a Board having a digital presence via a website/blog/social media. Obstacles include the board not having a clear objective in such an undertaking, which would drive out efforts. There is also the risk of our opinions being confused with official stances by the Town, if people associate us with the Town itself. Scott noted that sometimes the first one or two comments on a post drive the "sentiment" of following posts, and if we can show our support that way it will help the positive messages. Scott said they typically are very Facebook heavy; it was suggested that many younger people are using Instagram more than Facebook and we may want to extend our reach by being sure to engage on Instagram and Twitter as well.

4 NEW BUSINESS

a) Covid-19

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard gave a COVID reopening update. Field rentals were to begin on the 12th, and playgrounds would open up as part of Phase 3, although we would want to allow a 1 to 2 week delay after phase 3 officially begins before opening playgrounds. We will touch base with this as more information gets released.

b) Planning work with McAdams and HH

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Next meeting will be schedule in July - hopefully by then Parks and Bonds consultants will have met with Council and will be ready to meet with us. The goal would be to have it in person, though accommodations will definitely be made for anyone who does not feel comfortable with that.

5 STAFF REPORTS

a) Facilities

The Council's budget, if approved as-is, includes money for improvements to the Community Center. Originally they were going to spread out those improvements over time to reduce impact to services, but instead we are going to try and do all the work now since everything is closed anyway.

6 ADJOURN

a)

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

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board