



**Town of Clayton
Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Clayton Community Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Beatty-Phinazee
Emily Beddingfield
Richard Champion
David Danko
Maureen Fee
Ted Willer

STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation
Director
Lauren Lambert, Parks and Recreation
Administrative Support Specialist
Councilman Michael Grannis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rebecca Bradofrd
Travis Crowder
Ruth Hunt
Marty Kornegay
Butch Lawter
Mike Surasky
Toby Williamson

1 CALL TO ORDER

a)

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

Motion: Ted Willer
Second: Richard Champion
Vote: Unanimous

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **Approval of January 14, 2019 Minutes**

ACTION: Motion to approve these minutes was approved

Motion: Ted Willer
Second: Emily Beddingfield
Vote: Unanimous

3 OLD BUSINESS

a) **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vacancies**

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard informed the board that there are still vacancies and we are working to fill them. They will remain posted on the towns website until filled. If anyone knows of anyone who would do a good job, and would like to be a part of this committee please tell them to apply. Mr. Grannis said that he would be part of the interview process when these individuals are chosen.

4 NEW BUSINESS

a) Sage Design Update

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard opened with the survey and input session that was currently held at the Community Center. Results were passed around, and the board members reviewed. All members discussed the outcome of the survey and were satisfied with the answers received. It was visible that a few groups recruited their members to show up, but all were welcome. We will continue to work with the public and review their wants and needs. Mr. Barnard shared that many of the answers were not surprising, but everyone was a little surprised to see that a pool did not overwhelm other answers as expected. A splash pad was a popular vote, and more multipurpose fields. Overall, this project and event were successful and we will continue to do public outreach as much as possible.

b) Harmony Playground Grant

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard spoke about the progress of the Harmony Playground. Plans were recently reviewed and he feels as though the ground breaking of this project will finally happen sooner than later. The CCRF is going to submit an application for a grant through Gametime, a playground equipment manufacturer which will help with the cost greatly. If we are approved for this grant, we will be able to get most of what was previously designed, however we will make a few small changes equipment wise, but Gametime offers majority of items at an equal design of what was already planned for. This grant would allow us to purchase a total of \$400,000 worth of equipment for \$200,000.

c) Partnership with TORC & T.L.C.

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard mentioned a partnership with Triangle Off Road Cyclists, and the Triangle Land Conservancy that will eventually develop a mountain bike trail just off of the greenway. The terrain will be perfect, and everyone is very excited for this project to be developed.

d) RTP Grant

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard informed the group of a grant that is available. The Recreational Trails Program Grant is available for construction ready projects which could

use grant funding. These funds help to meet recreational trail and trail needs, and to help economic development through natural resource tourism. The grant will need to be submitted in March, and the final stage of the application process will be due in the Summer.

e) **July 4th**

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard began speaking about the upcoming July 4th holiday. He is ready and excited for his first year in Clayton. He shared with the board that he will be depending on everyone to help this year, whether it be to volunteer, get vendors, sponsors, or to help sell raffle tickets. Expect it to be a long hot day, but this is the biggest event of the year for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Barnard will be sending out an email to all board members so that they can volunteer to help. He will be looking for a few people to oversee some aspects of the event. Mr. Lorion was going to be present to discuss more in detail but was unable to make it. We will discuss more in April.

f) **Cycle NC**

Presenter: Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Barnard informed that group that this year, Clayton will be an official host of Cycle NC. The Mountains to Coast ride is a 7 day bike ride from Blowing Rock, to Atlantic Beach taking place September 28 - October 5. Clayton will be an official overnight stop this year, and it is sure to bring revenue to the town. The Community Center will be taken over with bikers, and we will offer a live band, beer truck, shower trailer and more. It will be like nothing most of us have ever seen before, and it is worth the show. One of the Downtown Concerts will be held during this event in hopes that most bikers will venture Downtown to enjoy music, food, and shopping.

5 STAFF REPORTS

a) **Athletics**

Mr. Barnard spoke about basketball season which had recently come to an end on February, 23. As always, the season was a success and we are already looking forward to next year. The championships games went well, and Nick and Jimmy did a great job planning the season. Spring sports registration is open and going well, we will begin the season in the middle of March. We will host Adult Basketball, Softball and Soccer again this year.

b) **Programming**

Mr. Barnard shared with the board that programming is going well. We are preparing for summer camp registration that will be next Tuesday. Registration will be a bit different this year, as we will be doing a lottery for people in line at 7:00am. We will most likely fill spots within 2 hours again, but we are looking for ways to be fair and not cause a black Friday scene. We will reassess after all is said and done before seeing how we will do things next year. Our special needs dance is coming up and we are in need of volunteers. We will also be hosting several events for the Johnston County Senior games and are looking

for volunteers. If members are willing and able, please email Lauren or Scott.

c) **Facilities**

6 ADJOURN

a)

This meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Motion: Ted Willer
Second: Emily Beddingfield
Vote: Unanimous

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board