



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
June 26, 2024
7:00 PM
Frank Eagles Meeting Room - Town Hall

PRESENT: Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member
Mr. Clay Campbell, Member
Ms. Judy Siwy, Member
Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member
Mr. Richard Armant, Member
Commissioner Paul Vilga
June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director
Eddie Henderson, Project & Facilities Coordinator

ABSENT: Dr. Mothanna Al-Hoory - Member, Kevin Mazur - Chair, Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation Administrative Support Specialist

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Member Aaron Gauger called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. **APPROVAL of May 22, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024, meeting was carried with a unanimous vote, 5 voted aye, 0 voted nay.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Staff Reports:**

- i. Athletics – June spoke about how we are now done with the spring season and that everything went well. There were some minor issues with a team from another town, but our staff handled that well. We now have 70' bases on Fields A and B so we can play regulation games. June would like to offer all-stars starting next spring. One parent was pushing back on why we didn't do it this season, but June explained that we missed the deadline. Soccer spring season went well too. June spoke about registration numbers for fall Soccer and Baseball/Softball.
- ii. Cultural Programming – June spoke about the new line dancing class. We had 15 people for the first class and 26 at the second game which was last night. Tina is currently completely focused on Summer Camp. Our bingo program continues to do well, and we continue to have good turnout. Senior programming is held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We're also getting ready for the Senior Expo in August.
- iii. Special Events – June spoke about the Memorial Mile event; 32 people attended. Over 15 people signed up for our most recent litter sweep as well. We held our first Freedom in the Park event and over 100 people attended. June asked for input on how to get a more diverse group of attendees at the Juneteenth event. He discussed how the event went and that it was very hot. Next year, the plan is to hold the event later in the afternoon. Aaron worked the event and gave his thoughts on how the event went. Discussion on how to increase inclusivity and attendance moving forward. Discussed marketing the event more as a Freedom in the Park event rather than focus on the term Juneteenth since it's a potential "trigger" word for some people. Clay mentioned that a media article about the event could help. Commissioner Viga mentioned having road signage up. Judy brought up that 100 people is not a bad turnout for an

- inaugural event.
- iv. Other – June mentioned that the new hire for athletic coordinator will be starting soon. He then spoke about the new budget for FY25-26, which includes \$12 million for the Farm Park development. June is in talks with different organizations regarding partnerships to help speed up development of the Farm. He also spoke about the Rolesville 4th event details and asked all members to attend the event.
 - v. Parks & Facilities – Eddie stated that the Farm Entrance Prebid meeting was June 25, 2024, and the bidding process is moving along. Eddie also stated how he's been assisting with multiple Special Events programming. He also mentioned he's been helping several other departments in various capacities including the Planning and Public Works departments.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 414 S. Main (Pine Glo Building) – Eddie discussed the plans for this building. It will be torn down and a new multipurpose building with over 49,000 square feet of indoor recreation space is planned. Recreational activities such as basketball, hockey, boxing and a rock warrior course are included. Eddie spoke about the P&R departments plan to speak with the developer about their plans, as well as our plans for the Farm Park. Lucas mentioned that roller hockey is great for little kids, it may be great a new pilot program
- b. Discussion of the Carolina Legacy Volleyball Club and how much of a benefit it is to the town. One member mentioned that they were even playing outdoors in the heat the other day. June spoke about how he met with them last Friday and discussed a potential partnership. June explained that their youth league is expensive and that he was thinking of renting courts during the off season for an adult volleyball league. June wants something more structured and doesn't want to compete with their youth league. June wants to get a price to rent both from them and the Baptist church and is working on this now.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

June confirmed the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2024. The new budget will begin July 1, 2024. The Parks and Recreation staff are getting ready to take things to a whole new level. June finished the other business by giving PARAB members each a shirt embroidered with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Aaron Gauger adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm. There will not be a meeting in July and August 28th will be the next meeting.