



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019

7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Cicora, Alice Reese, Liz Stone, Wanda Holloway, Val Atkinson, Gerry Martinez De Andino, Mark DiGiacomo, Tom Joyce

ABSENT MEMBERS: Lenny Lloyd

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheri Lee, Tom O'Brien, Christine Kelly

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Huffman

I. CALL TO ORDER

- II. July 16, 7pm, Council Meeting – Recognize Wanda Holloway
- Wanda expressed that she has enjoyed her journey with everyone at the Town and reflected on accomplishments of Town's P&R Dept.: from having just Womble to today's amenities. Wanda plans to continue to serve HS on Board of Food Cupboard and is looking forward performing at Cultural Center.

Meeting was called to order 7:01 by Chair Stone

Announcements:

Motion to approve agenda: Ken Cicora motioned, Gerry Martinez De Andino seconded

Motion to approve minutes: Val Atkinson motioned, Ken Cicora seconded

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- **Year End – Department Accomplishments – Adam Huffman**
 1. Bass Lake – Trout delivered & was a big hit! & Selling more bait.

- Programs increased (school groups)
 - Birthday parties have doubled
 - Shelter design & bid. Advertised next week.
2. Cultural Center
- Joint Venture with Fuquay-Varina working well & community band.
 - Farmer's Market moved to P&R
3. Hunt Center
- NY City Police Officer is new Head Maintenance and has made a vast improvement and increased safety initiatives.
 - New Senior and Fitness Programs (more competitive with gyms & Y)
 - Overnight trip to Washington DC & Community Garden
 - Child Care
 - Renovation of MP2 Room as discussed last month.
 - Sealed floors in Hunt Center improves appearance
 - Athletics – continual increase for track & soccer programming Looking to expand programming to Ting for older kids (balls getting kicked into younger kids' games & field space)
 1. Increasing field space to allow younger kids to practice early. 7:00 pm practice is too difficult for 6&7 yo.
 2. Baseball as well, 8:00 games for 9 yo is too late.
4. Ting:
- Mound Replacement working well! Many possibilities for field usage
 - Wake FC collegiate League inaugural season – WPSL and USL2
 - Town does not have plans for outfield area (beer garden) where the sun shines brightly during evening games. Bounce houses are located there on weekends
 - Increase netting down first base line is a wish list item from P&R staff for safety reasons although current netting complies with regulations
 - Shade and water fountains installed.
 - 55 Bypass connection has begun.

- i. Consideration for increased safety, increased traffic and prevention of basketballs going into traffic.
- 5. Administration
 - New Director LeeAnn has created a positive energy in Department

V. REPORTS

- A. Council Update –Cheri Lee
 - a. Future Land Use Plan nearing completion of Draft stage
 - b. July will provide the first opportunity to review the draft. P&R committee encouraged to review and provide input.
 - c. Crosswalk safety – Hot topic on Social media. TC looking for ideas if anyone has any thoughts.
- B. Tree Advisory Committee – Tom Joyce
 - a. Committee planning to bring tree ordinance to TC.
 - b. Forming sub-committees to implement goals of a Tree City
- C. Land Use and Community Character Team – Gerry Martinez De Andino
 - a. First Draft has been completed.
 - b. Public presentation draft available July 11.
- D. Operations Update – Assistant Director Adam Huffman
 - a. Department: Administrative specialist position should be filled soon.
 - b. Facilities:
 - Bass Lake: Stream Bed restoration project received no bids for a second time. FEMA extension to retain funding. Technically, the restoration effort is an Engineering Department project not P&R.
 - Sugg: July 5th – dog performances this year rather than the parachutists due to logistical challenges faced with evening thunderstorms in the past.
 - Carl Dean Greenway:
 - Further delays because of rain. Silt infiltrated subgrade. Will need to be replaced completely.
 - Greenway has been closed 1.5 going on 2 years. Final Completion was May 2018. Looking forward, with greenway planning, limitations & financial incentives should be implemented to preclude delayed completion of similar projects in the future.
 - Jones Park, Veterans Park & Carrington Greenways– repave greenways in June

- Hunt Center- Father's Day Jedi Academy is generating excitement.
- Ting
 - SWAC Tournament – July 11-14 (10U & 12U girls softball) hosted by HS.
 - Food delivery space being developed in SW corner of parcel where drones can pick up food orders from restaurants in shopping center to food pick-up site. Pilot program with joint venture.

6. NEW BUSINESS-CHAIR STONE

None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION SHARE

- a. June 19, 6 pm, Council Workshop – Park Bond Projects
 - Gerry & Ken are planning to attend and will report back to larger group (those on vacation)
- b. July 5th Fireworks at Sugg Farm
- c. Tom Joyce – Because this was his last meeting, he took a moment to express that he enjoyed time on committee and thinks we have made some progress but there is room for more. He stated that parks are his passion vs. recreation and is vacating seat to allow someone more involved in recreation aspect.
 - Chair Stone expressed thanks for his involvement on behalf of the committee and stated his park focused view is appreciated because it represents a different attribute than demographic than recreation and the child.
- d. Adam: thanks to Val as well and hopefully we will see him again at the next meeting.
- e. July meeting: Reconvene in August. Training of new members will occur prior to the next meeting.

8. ADJOURN

Motion: Tom motioned, Seconded – Gerry

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.