AGENDA
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER (Council Members, City Staff, Members of the Public - when speaking during the meeting please speak directly into the microphones on the dais or podium)

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introduce the new Parks Superintendent, Mr. Brian TenEyck
   Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and discussion on the FY2022-23 Parks & Community Services budget
   Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director

PUBLIC COMMENT Individual citizens addressing the Board during Public Comment shall not exceed three (3) minutes in their comments; however, the Chair may extend or reduce the speaker's allotted time in order to conduct an efficient and effective public meeting. The time allotted shall not be donated to others desiring to speak. Public Comment is not established to engage in a conversation with the Board and no formal action will be taken.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS Only those persons who submit a completed Request to Speak form prior to the agenda item being introduced by the Chair will be allowed to speak on agenda items set for action (this doesn't include presentations or reports). The Chair shall ask each person requesting to speak to approach the podium when called to speak. Speakers time shall generally not exceed three (3) minutes in their comments and all comments must be germane to the specific agenda item being discussed; however, the Chair may extend or reduce the speaker's allotted time. Speakers shall not be permitted to donate their time to other speakers. Members of the City Council may ask questions or discuss the item directly with the citizen during the citizen's testimony if necessary. Any discussion between a Council member and the citizen will not count toward the time limit and Council Members are encouraged not to speak until the citizen has first utilized their allocated time.

REPORTS

1. Update on Parks, Recreation and Senior Services

CONSENT AGENDA All of the items on the consent agenda are considered to be self-explanatory by the Council and will be enacted with one motion, one second, and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items.

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the July 6, 2022 Parks Advisory Board meeting
   Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion of dog park feasibilities
   Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT (817) 514-5825 OR FAX (817) 514-3625 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

I, Linda Proskey, City Secretary for the City of Watauga, hereby certify that this agenda was posted on the bulletin boards at City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas, on September 2, 2022, before 6:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Linda Proskey, City Secretary

Recreation & Community Services
Fund 01-070

Director of Parks & Community Services
0.50 FTE

- **Recreation Attendant** — 1.75 FTE
- **Recreation Programmer** — 2.00 FTE
- **Recreation Attendant ARPA FUNDED** — 1.50 FTE

ARPA POSITIONS
Recreation Attendant:
1 full time
2 part time

GENERAL FUND

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES **DIVISION / ACTIVITY:** COMMUNITY SERVICES – FUND 01-070	
LOCATION: 7901 Indian Springs Road Watauga, Texas 76148 Phone Number: 817-514-5828	**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Monday – Thursday 6:00 AM – 9:00 P.M. Friday- 6:00 AM - 5:00 P.M. Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 P.M.

MISSION / PROGRAMS / SERVICES:

To enrich the lives of Watauga citizens through the responsible administration of our resources with the goal of quality customer service, recreational opportunities, and community interaction. The Community Services Division's vision is to enhance the quality of life, awareness of services and the public perception as it relates to our residents from a recreational and community services standpoint via the following opportunities:

- Health and fitness programs for senior active adults, adults, and youth
- Daily meals provided for senior adults
- Youth and adult athletic programs
- Fine art programs
- Summer camps
- Special events
- Facility rentals

FY2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS / ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Significant increase in Community and Senior Center memberships
- Continued implementation and adjustments to the new recreation software
- I-9 Sports – Soccer/Basketball season, 2022 Summer Camp
- Pickleball season
- Special events coordinated and hosted: Trunk or Treat Halloween Celebration, Veteran's Day Ceremony, Christmas Tree Lighting, Daddy Daughter Dance, Morning Tea with Mom, Watauga Fest 2022, Splashpad Summer Kickoff 2022, Donuts with Dad, Tarrant County 911 District Sunday in the Park, and Fishing Derby / Camp Out
- Aerobic Dance, Yoga, Pilates, and Hula Classes – Adults and Children
- Goat Yoga at Capp Smith Park
- Fine Arts Programming – Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Latin, Hip Hop, Piano, Violin
- Homeschool Supplemental Classes – 1st thru 3rd grade

FY2022-2023 GOALS/ OBJECTIVES:

- Continued Increase in Community and Senior Center memberships
- Increase in special events, classes, and programs offered in direct correlation with staffing levels
- Increase community awareness of additional and existing Community Services Division offerings that add to citizens' and visitors' quality of life
- Maximize the City of Watauga brand exposure in community through the linking of local resources that are cost efficient

MAJOR BUDGETARY ISSUES AND OPERATIONAL TRENDS:

- Adjusting level of service, programming, and special events to match corresponding staff levels
- Costs of daily use goods and services negatively affecting budget flexibility in event planning
- Increased safety concerns during regular business hours are requiring adjustment to staff levels
- Re-engaging the community to return to pre-COVID activity and participation levels

GENERAL FUND

DEPARTMENT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIVISION / ACTIVITY: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES - FUND 01-070

EXPENDITURES	2019-2020 ACTUAL	2020-2021 ACTUAL	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 PROJECTED	2022-2023 PROPOSED
Personnel	$466,879	$175,870	$326,200	$243,900	$297,300
Supplies	$21,404	$11,640	$23,400	$18,200	$16,700
Maintenance	$7,940	$6,956	$8,300	$7,800	$8,300
Contractual/Sundry	$60,668	$35,125	$73,990	$57,740	$73,410
Capital Outlay	$15,181	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	$572,072	$229,590	$431,890	$327,640	$395,710

PERSONNEL					
Director of Rec & Comm Service	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
Recreation Programmer	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Recreation Programmer - Seniors	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Recreation Attendant	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Recreation Attendant (PT)	2.50	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.75
Recreation Attendant (ARPA Funded)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Recreation Attendant (PT) (ARPA Funded) (2)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50
Recreation Coordinator II	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Superintendent	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre-school Instructors (2 Temp.)	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Summer Rec Coordinator (2-T/S)	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Summer Rec Instructors (8-T/S)	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Summer Rec Assts. (5-T/S)	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	8.50	3.00	3.00	5.75	5.75

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / SERVICE LEVELS

Input / Demand		***Actual 20-21***	***Budget 21-22***	***Projected 21-22***	***Budget 22-23***
Number of health and fitness programs		4	25	6	12
Number of fine arts programs		6	15	9	15
Number of athletic teams		52	250	94	115
Output / Workload		***Actual 20-21***	***Budget 21-22***	***Projected 21-22***	***Budget 22-23***
Number of new memberships processed		55	400/1006	213	300
Efficiency Measures / Impact		***Actual 20-21***	***Budget 21-22***	***Projected 21-22***	***Budget 22-23***
Budget per capita		$9.66	$18.17	$13.78	$16.22
Budget percentage of city budget		0.49%	0.81%	0.62%	
Effectiveness Measures / Outcomes	***Goals***	***Actual 20-21***	***Budget 21-22***	***Projected 21-22***	***Budget 22-23***
% program attendance increase	5	0%	75%	115%	10%
Number of active members	5	303	450	516	816

GENERAL FUND

BUDGET CHANGES

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Compared to Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

DEPARTMENT: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIVISION / ACTIVITY: RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES - FUND 01-070

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	ONE-TIME	ON-GOING	CHANGE EXPLANATION
CHANGES:				
Personnel	Personnel Services		($28,900)	Position, Benefits, Rentention, COLA & TMRS Adjustments
Vehicle Parts & Supplies	Supplies		($500)	Usage Adjustment
Vehicle Fuels & Lubricants	Supplies		($800)	Usage Adjustment
Event Refreshments/Meals	Supplies		($1,000)	Usage Adjustment
Equipment Parts & Supplies	Supplies		$100	Anticipated Usage Adjustment
Awards/Recognition/Athletic	Supplies		($5,000)	Anticipated Usage Adjustment
Concession Supplies	Supplies		$500	Inflation Adjustment
Commmunications	Contractual/Sundry		$920	Cell Stipend Adjustment
Advertising	Contractual/Sundry		($1,500)	Usage Adjustment
Travel Expense	Contractual/Sundry		$1,300	Director Usage Adjustment
Training	Contractual/Sundry		$1,700	Director Training Adjustment
Printing & Binding	Contractual/Sundry		($3,000)	Usage Adjustment
WataugaFest	Contractual/Sundry		$4,000	Inflation Adjustment
Athletic Contractor Service	Contractual/Sundry		($4,000)	Usage Adjustment
TOTALS:		**$0**	**($36,180)**	

($36,180) **NET INCREASE/DECREASE**

Parks
Fund 01-075

Director of Parks & Community Services
0.50 FTE

Parks Superintendent
1.00 FTE

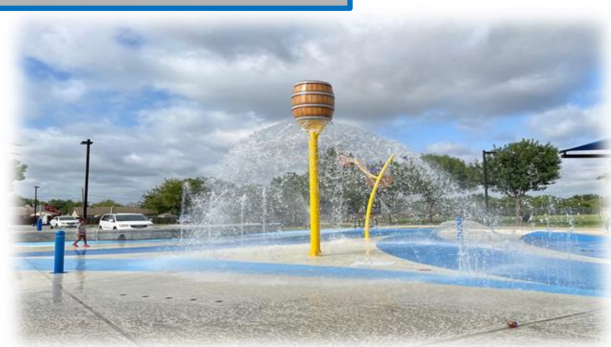
Maintenance Worker II
2.00 FTE

Maintenance Worker I
1.00 FTE

Irrigation Technician
ARPA FUNDED
1.00 FTE

Maintenance Worker I
ARPA FUNDED
1.00 FTE

ARPA POSITIONS:
Irrigation Technician
Maintenance Worker I



GENERAL FUND

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIVISION / ACTIVITY: PARKS – FUND 01-075

LOCATION:	**HOURS OF OPERATION:**
5633 Linda Dr. Watauga, Texas 76148 Phone Number: 817-514-5829	Monday – Friday 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

MISSION / PROGRAMS / SERVICES:
The Mission of the Watauga Parks Division is to provide our citizens with an outstanding outdoor experience. We are focused on the quality and safety of our parks which serves to enhance the quality of life for all citizens and visitors.

- The Parks Division is responsible for the grounds maintenance of all city buildings and parks which total over 120 acres.
- The Parks Division manages and maintains all aspects such as:
  - Landscape and lake maintenance contracts
  - Daily restroom cleaning and trash removal
  - Daily Splashpad monitoring and operation in season
  - Playground inspections and repairs
  - Irrigation system monitoring for efficient operations to include inspections and repairs
  - Landscape and irrigation installations
  - Pesticide application as needed
  - Park facility and amenities repairs
  - Special events support of the Community Services Division

FY2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS / ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Continued expansion of wildflower areas at Capp Smith Park
- Expanded site amenities at Capp Smith Park Splashpad
- Flower beds added around Pavilion 3 at Capp Smith Park
- Two digital signs installed at Capp Smith Park
- Replacement of infrastructure coverings at Capp Smith Park
- Added new signage in English and Spanish, around the Splashpad

FY2022-2023 GOALS/ OBJECTIVES:

- Incorporate a rental program of new picnic tables by Splashpad
- Continue to offer wildflower areas at Capp Smith Park
- Continue to maintain park amenities to maximize safe and functional use
- Adjust current levels of service as new, approved staff is onboarded and trained
- Improve visual appeal of city parks and facilities through implementation of best practices

MAJOR BUDGETARY ISSUES AND OPERATIONAL TRENDS:

- Many citizen complaints about outsourced contract landscaping services
- Adjusting level of service to match corresponding staff increase
- Inflationary impact to material costs and supply chain restrictions affecting the timeline of projects tied to the Parks Master Plan
- Costs of daily use goods and services negatively affecting budget flexibility

GENERAL FUND

DEPARTMENT: PARKS RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIVISION / ACTIVITY: PARKS - FUND 01-075

EXPENDITURES	2019-2020 ACTUAL	2020-2021 ACTUAL	2021-2022 BUDGET	2021-2022 PROJECTED	2022-2023 PROPOSED
Personnel	$424,441	$285,181	$360,600	$321,200	$352,100
Supplies	$38,182	$38,682	$38,700	$39,200	$44,500
Maintenance	$26,303	$31,171	$58,100	$44,000	$60,000
Contractual/Sundry	$48,087	$120,874	$165,770	$165,670	$172,430
Capital Outlay	$14,000	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	$551,013	$475,907	$623,170	$570,070	$629,030

PERSONNEL					
Director of Rec & Comm. Services	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.50
Parks Superintendent	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Maintenance Worker I	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Maint. Worker II	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Landscape Gardener	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Irrigation Technician (ARPA Funded)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Maintenance Worker I (ARPA Funded)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
TOTAL	6.00	6.00	4.50	6.50	6.50

PERFORMANCE MEASURES / SERVICE LEVELS

Input / Demand	*Actual 20-21*	*Budget 21-22*	*Projected 21-22*	*Budget 22-23*
Athletic Fields maintained	12	12	12	12
Park Acres maintained	88	88	88	88

Efficiency Measures / Impact	*Actual 20-21*	*Budget 21-22*	*Projected 21-22*	*Budget 22-23*
Budget per Capita	$20.02	$26.22	$23.98	$25.78
Percentage of City Budget	1.01%	1.17%	1.07%	
Acres per FTE	22	29	20	20

Effectiveness Measures / Outcomes	*Goals*	*Actual 20-21*	*Budget 21-22*	*Projected 21-22*	*Budget 22-23*
Mow and maintain developed facilities weekly	2	91%	100%	65%	100%
Mow and maintain undeveloped facilities monthly	2	88%	100%	50%	100%
Hours of personnel training	7	30	40	15	45

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CHANGES

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Compared to Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

DEPARTMENT: RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIVISION / ACTIVITY: PARKS - FUND 01-075

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	ONE-TIME	ON-GOING	CHANGE EXPLANATION
CHANGES:				
Personnel	Personnel Services		($8,500)	Position, Benefits, Retention,COLA & TMRS Adjustments
Vehicle Parts & Supplies	Supplies		$1,000	Inflation Adjustment
Vehicle Fuels & Lubricants	Supplies		$2,500	Inflation Adjustment
Minor Tools & Appartuus	Supplies		$300	Inflation Adjustment
Janitorial Supplies	Supplies		$500	Inflation Adjustment
Chemicals	Supplies		$1,000	Inflation Adjustment
Equipment Parts & Supplies	Supplies		$500	Inflation Adjustment
Vehicle Maintenance	Maintenance		$1,500	Inflation and Needs Adjustment
Minor Tools & Appartuus	Maintenance		$100	Inflation Adjustment
Parks & Playgrounds	Maintenance		$3,000	Inflation and Needs Adjustment
Park Trail Repairs	Maintenance		$2,000	Inflation Adjustment
Park Maintenance	Maintenance		($5,000)	Historical Usage Adjustment
Fencing	Maintenance		$300	Inflation Adjustment
Communications	Contractual/Sundry		$560	Cell Stipend Adjustment
Rental of Equipment	Contractual/Sundry		$500	Inflation Adjustment
Special Services	Contractual/Sundry		$400	Inflation Adjustment
Travel Expense	Contractual/Sundry		$100	Inflation Adjustment
Dues & Subscriptions	Contractual/Sundry		$50	License Renewals Adjustment
Training	Contractual/Sundry		$50	Inflation Adjustment
Debris Disposal	Contractual/Sundry		$1,000	Needs Adjustment
Contract/Outsource Services	Contractual/Sundry		$4,000	Grounds Maintenance Contract
TOTALS:		**$0**	**$5,860**	

$5,860 **NET INCREASE/DECREASE**

Watauga Parks and Community Services Info

July & August 2022

Recreation:

- Membership check-ins – 3,931 (Senior, Adult, Family, Youth), day passes – 254
- Rentals – Foster Village Cottage - 11, Capp Smith Park - 8, Community Center - 6, Soccer Fields – 1
- Summer soccer and basketball leagues (approximately 4,000 participants/attendance weekly) ended on Saturday, August 6, 2022 and resume play Saturday, September 10, 2022
- New Dance classes – started on August 18, 2022 (Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Tumbling, Pilates, and Yoga)
- New Krav Maga (Israeli self-defense class) – confirmed (starting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022)
- New class confirmed – Creative Connections classes - Fall 2022
- YMCA Fall Volleyball Season (starting September 17, 2022)
- Double Dutch – Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm
- Ongoing Hula classes – Thursdays (adult), Saturdays (child)
- Coach rentals – Basketball - 10, Volleyball – 5
- Goodwill SEAL (5-week Program) ended August 12, 2022 - 1 Student
- Pickleball – Fridays 1pm - 4pm - 85 in attendance
- Splashpad Pavilion picnic tables 1-6 – now available to rent
- Working on getting new Fall programs/classes in Piano, Dance, and Karate
- Summer Open Gym – more time given for individual / families to come play.
- Yard of the Month – 5 nominations
- YMCA Sports Camp – July 11 – 15, 9am – 3pm Cancelled

Seniors:

- Daily games – Mon - Fri, 9am - 3pm
- Weekly TAFB Store – Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 10:30am
- Texas Purls (Knitting Group) – 9am - 12:00pm
- Flyers (Electric Planes and Rubber-band Planes) – Wednesdays 10am - 12:00pm – 94 attended
- 38th Senior Center Anniversary Luncheon held August 19th
- Life Line Screening held August 25th
- Senior Share – 261 people from Tarrant Area Food Bank food distribution
- Working on getting new Fall health classes set and running

Parks Division:

- The new Parks Superintendent, Brian TenEyck, started August 15th.
- Splashpad normal operations ceased on July 6th due to the pump failing, a work around was put in place on July 22nd with the assistance of Public Works, and the pump was finally replaced this week.

- Concern regarding the performance of the grounds maintenance contractor remains high because the contractor staffing levels continue to be inadequate.
- An irrigation contractor should be starting inspections & repairs within the next week or so.
- Staff has been diligently working on parks cleanup at Capp Smith, Foster Village, and Whites Branch Creek Parks after the heavy rains and flooding on August 22nd.
- Staff assessed safety concerns within the playground area at Capp Smith Splashpad area and is replacing the surfacing in the swings area as supplies become available.
- Northeast Tarrant Women's Kickball is continuing their season at Foster Village Park with practices on weekdays and games on Saturday mornings.
- Capp Smith Picnic Pavilion (Shade Structure near Splashpad) project is complete. Rentals of the individual tables started August 1st.

MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022
2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Andra Dunn called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Stanley Hill	Place 1
Andra Dunn	Place 2
Natasha Havrda	Place 3 Absent without notice
Tim Bobseine	Place 4
Vacant	Place 5

And

Arthur Miner	Mayor
Jan Hill	City Council Member Place 7, Board Liaison
Mark Taylor	City Council Member Place 6, Alt. Board Liaison
Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Paul Hackleman	Public Works Director
Timothy Hamilton	Parks and Recreation Director
Samanth Ortega	Assistant to the City Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Works Director Mr Paul Hackleman announced the hiring of Mr Timothy Hamilton as the new Parks and Community Services Director for the City of Watauga. A brief oral resume of Mr Hamilton's professional experience and position qualifications were summarized by Mr Hackleman. Mr Hamilton briefly introduced himself to the board following Mr Hackleman as part of this announcement.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Requests for Public comment were not received

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Requests for public testimony were not received.

REPORTS

1. Receive update on Parks, Recreation and Senior Services:

   Interim Director Paul Hackleman presented this item to the board that included:

   - A motor failure for a water pump at the Capp Smith Park splash pad that morning with an unknown ETR.
   - Notices were posted on social media and the maintenance sign is on site to inform the public of the splash pad temporary closure/issue.
   - Splash pad hours were extended from 9 am to 10 pm just prior to the failure to see if the new hours accommodate usage better. There was not enough data to make a determination prior to the pump motor failure.
   - Kraftsman playground equipment has provided splash pad maintenance training to all Parks staff. Splash pad Winterization training will be conducted for staff in the Fall.
   - Signage has been added to the splash pad for allowing citizen feedback or equipment issues reporting to Parks personnel.
   - The new picnic pavilion and shade structure adjacent to the splash pad is 95% complete requiring only a final acceptance walk through.
   - Mr Hackleman reviewed future park projects that include a new pole barn for covering city maintenance equipment; White Branch Creek trail; Park Vista park progress and planning; Foster Village park renovations and playground equipment upgrades at various locations throughout the city.
   - Ms Vickie Vickers from the Hector Garcia Senior Center staff was then introduced and presented an overview of center activities for the board that included:
   - Activities and facility usage has increased with the arrival of Summer. Open gym hours for citizens have been increased to accommodate the additional usage.
   - The first 5 week term of the Goodwill Earn and Learn program will end the following day and is deemed a sucess for both the facility and program participants.
   - Fall program commitments for the center are being formalized.
   - Estimated attendance for Wataugafest was between 12 and 14 thousand individuals.
   - Yard of the Month winners for April, May and June were highlighted in the agenda notes. July entries will end that program for the year.
   - an overview of Food distribution for both Seniors and area pets was outlined during the presentation.
   - The storage sheds on the Hector Garcia Center property have been torn down and removed.
   - Summer camp programs at the Center were not budgeted for this Summer.

   Mr Hackleman opened the floor for any discussion or questions from the board.

Tim Bobseine Place 4 recommended local business participation/sponsorship with Yard of the Month to include Center website advertising in exchange for gift certificates to monthly winners.
Tim Bobseine Place 4 inquired about the nature of Splash pad outages from Mr Hackleman to better inform the meeting audience of why interruptions were happening.
Tim Bobseine Place 4 recommended community business involvement in off- setting some of the cost in upcoming playground equipment upgrades.
Tim Bobseine Place 4 welcomed Mr Hamilton and revisited a past request for a local area limited quantity pool pass to inform him of a possible alternative to a leading request from Watauga citizens regarding their desired recreational services.
Stan Hill Place 1 welcomed Mr Hamilton and highlighted for him the staffing issues at the recreation center since COVID that are leading to event cancellations. He recommended some incentive bonuses for the current Center staff regarding their extra efforts in keeping things on track despite being shorthanded throughout the pandemic.
Mr Hackleman explained that staff was paid overtime during off hours work since June.
The consensus is that the existing staff did a phenomenal job supporting the community throughout the pandemic.
Andra Dunn Chairperson requested an overview from Mr Hackleman on upcoming CIP (Capitol Improvement Projects) regarding the Parks.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Consider action to approve the Parks Advisory Meeting Minutes for March 23rd, 2022**

Member Stanley Hill made motion, member Tim Bobseine second the motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Chairperson Dunn Called for a vote.

Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1

Motion to approve passed 3-0-0-1

2. **Items for future agendas:**

Tim Bobseine Place 4 requested an open discussion, pros and cons for a possible dog park on the Northwest corner of the Hector Garcia Center property to address another long-standing citizen request for park space utilization.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm

APPROVED: **this _______ day of ____________, 2022.**

SIGNED: **this _______ day of ____________, 2022.**

APPROVED:

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Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Tim Bobseine, Secretary

NOTE: Original Audio and Video Recording of this meeting is preserved and maintained by the City Secretary's Office


DOG PARKS IN WATAUGA
TIMOTHY HAMILTON, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

CONSIDERATIONS

- Location
  - proximity to homes
  - centralized location
  - size
- Amenities
  - trees
  - water (irrigation & drinking)
  - benches, trash cans
  - surfacing
- Accessibility
  - parking
  - pathways

PARKS MASTER PLAN

- Citizen survey conducted in February 2016
  - 396 surveys returned
  - Ranked 14th out of 17
- Identified location possibilities
  - Park Vista/Whites Branch Creek Trail
  - 6200 Watauga Rd. property
- Estimated costs (2016)
  - $120,000 – $150,000
- Funding sources
  - WEDC
  - Texas Parks & Wildlife Local Grant program

A Plan for Watauga

Based on the needs assessment through the survey responses and public input provided, the following recommendations by staff should be viewed as potential projects for the community for this Park Master Plan time frame and should be as follows:

- Where possible, the City of Watauga should acquire additional properties to add to the existing park system.
- The City of Watauga should consider the development of park land along Watauga Road and Browning Heights Blvd.
- The city should continue the development of park trails to include connectivity to schools, shopping areas, local parks and other communities.
- The community should consider adding a water feature, (splash pad or spray ground) to an existing park.
- There is a desire to have more nature areas and picnic pads where space may be available.
- Shade canopies over playground structures should be included in new playground design.
- Restrooms should be considered for all neighborhood parks.
- Where needed, infrastructure throughout the park system should be upgraded.

Recommendations and Priorities

Based on the citizens survey and resources available, the following Parks and Community Services facility priorities, which are shown in descending order should be considered and adopted.

Rank	Facility Type
1	Hike and Bike Trails
2	Nature Areas
3	Swimming Pool/splash pad
4	Shade Structures
5	Picnic Pads
6	Playgrounds
7	Open Spaces
8	Fishing Spots
9	Youth/Adult Sports Complex
10	Sand Volleyball Court
11	Lighted Sports Fields
12	Tennis Courts
13	Practice Fields
14	Dog Park
15	Skate Park
16	Tree Planting
17	Community Garden

Note: Appendix 2, page 33

Based on the needs analysis, citizens survey, public input and resources available, the following projects for parks, recreation and open spaces are recommended. The cost estimates shown for each project represent the range of probable cost and are not actual construction costs.

OTHER LOCATIONS


The Colony, TX


Midlothian, TX


Glenn Heights, TX


Bedford, TX

Midlothian, TX


Lake Worth, TX

QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your time!