



AGENDA
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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. Upcoming special events
Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director

PRESENTATIONS

1. Splashpad operation dates & hours.
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 September 7, 2022 Parks Advisory Board meeting
Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Recreation Director

ACTION ITEMS

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 October 28, 2022, before 6:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.



Linda Proskey, City Secretary



Watauga Parks and Community Services Info

September & October 2022

Recreation:

- Membership check-ins – 4,181 (Senior, Adult, Family, Youth, & day passes) + 250 vs. last period
- Rentals – Foster Village Cottage - 14, Capp Smith Park - 18, Community Center - 6
- Coach rentals – Basketball - 33, Volleyball – 9
- Kids Fishin' Tournament special event hosted 09/16/22 – 100+ in attendance, 41 fish caught, 295 hot dogs consumed, special thanks to Mayor Miner for grilling them and members of City Council and the Parks Board for their volunteer support of the event
- Double Dutch – Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm (11 new members)
- Krav Maga (Israeli self-defense class) – started 09/07/22
- Creative Connections class – started 09/08/22
- i9 Sports Fall Soccer – started 09/10/22
- YMCA Fall Volleyball Season – started 09/17/22
- Dance classes – (Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Tumbling, Pilates and Yoga)
- Hula classes – Thursdays (adult), Saturdays (child)
- Pickleball – every Tuesday & Thursday (all levels)
- **New adult Cardio class** – Tuesdays & Saturdays
- **New adult & child Yoga class** – started 10/08 on Saturday afternoons

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 – 75 attended
- Senior Fishin' event held 09/30/22
- New Saturday Nite Jamboree – started 10/15/22 6pm - 9pm @ Senior Center – singers, musicians, and audience welcome to play or just to listen (moved to Watauga from NRH) - 68 attendees the first night
- New Tuesday Music Time – 1pm - 3pm – 38 total attendees over 2 weeks
- Ballroom & Line Dance class started back – 28 attended

Parks Division:

- The Splashpad operated through 09/30/22.
- Staff finished the safety surfacing replacement project at the Capp Smith Splashpad area playground.
- Our new Parks Chemical Applicator/Irrigation Technician, Brian Pierce, started 09/19/22.
- Parks staff assisted with the successful managing of the Kid Fishin' Tournament event.

- Bleachers were delivered to Cabela's parking lot as part of the Spokes for Hope Watauga Police event.
- Electrical contractors fixed the electrical outlets at the Capp Smith Amphitheater and gave us quotes to repair/replace the lights in the bathrooms at Capp Smith Park and lights @ Whites Branch Creek Trail.
- Synthetic turf has been added to the Capp Smith Park Amphitheater seating areas to enhance the aesthetics and functionality of this community jewel.
- The City Hall, Police Department, Fire Station, and Indian Springs Park irrigation systems are all now successfully linked to an app to allow them to be able to be remotely controlled. All other systems are also working and are being tested for any leaks or coverage issues regularly.
- BrightView finished their landscape maintenance contract work in Watauga 09/30/22. Smith Lawn & Tree, currently utilized by North Richland Hills, is servicing our properties through October & November. The landscape contract is being revised to go out to bid as well.
- Playground surfacing has been refreshed to recommended levels in all park playgrounds in the city.
- Parks staff mowed areas not covered by the landscape maintenance contract such as lots at Yampa Trail, Watauga Rd., Browning Blvd., etc.



**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022
2:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Andra Dunn called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Note: The City Secretary administered and witnessed Oath of Office for two-year Parks Advisory board extensions regarding both Chairperson Andra Dunn Place 2 and Secretary Timothy Bobseine Place 4 prior to commencement of the meeting.

Advisory Board ROLL CALL

Place 1	Stanley Hill
Place 2	Andra Dunn
Place 3	Natasha Havrda (absent)
Place 4	Tim Bobseine
Place 5	Vacant

And present in council chambers

Arthur Miner	Mayor
Jan Hill	City Council Member Place 7, Board Liaison
Mark Taylor	City Council Member Place 6, Alternate Board Liaison
Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Timothy Hamilton	Parks and Community Services Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduce the new Parks Superintendent, Mr. Brian TenEyck

Watauga Parks and Community Services Director Mr. Timothy Hamilton announced the hiring of a new Parks Superintendent Mr. Brian TenEyck and introduced him to the board. Mr. TenEyck addressed the board after introduction highlighting his background and experience in working in various capacities in many local community parks, including 15 years prior service in the Watauga parks system.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and discussion on the FY2022-23 Parks & Community Services budget

The Watauga Parks and Community Services Director Mr. Hamilton presented the Parks budget to the board. Some highlights from that presentation:

- Recreation staffing levels are increasing allowing more flexibility for employees and proposed additional recreation center operating hours to 9 pm starting Oct 1st.
- There is sufficient funding to hire an irrigation technician to augment park staff
- The splash pad motor has a winding high temperature alarm that is being troubleshot. It is believed to be a faulty sensor vice an actual alarm condition. Due to the time of season, closure of the splash pad to err on the side of caution is being discussed vice continuing to operate the splash pad. Resolution of this issue to continue with the installing contractor.

Chairperson Andra Dunn requested to know the specifics of the warranty period for the splash pad. Mr. Hamilton believes it is two years and emphasized that all repairs to date have been paid for by the installation company.

Place 1 Stanley Hill asked about security and employee safety at the Recreation Center. Mr. Hamilton highlighted that the addition of staff and having two on shift for both opening and closing has enhanced safety at the center.

Ms. Donna Strickland Center Program Coordinator addressed the board and noted increased police presence throughout the day as well as establishment of a positive relationship established between staff and skate park users which has eliminated many of the Center issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Requests for Public comment were not received

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

Requests for Public testimony were not received.

REPORTS

1. Update on Parks, Recreation and Senior Services

Program coordinators Ms Donna Strickland (events and center programs) and Ms. Vicky Vickers (Senior services) as well as Parks Supervisor Mr. Brian TenEyck addressed the board for this item. Some highlights:

- Texas Jr Anglers fishing tournament will be held at Capp Smith Park on the evening of 16 September.
- The Rec Center will be used for return of the Halloween bash celebration this year.
- Double Dutch jump rope, yoga and Israeli Self Defense programs have been added at the Recreation center.
- Fall outdoor and indoor sports leagues have started at the Recreation Center.

Chairperson Andra Dunn asked about mentoring opportunities at the fishing tournament and if there would be loaner rods available for the event. Ms Strickland stated that the different age

groups have sponsors, and that the Jr Anglers organization would have spare rods available for participants.

Ms Vicky Vickers covered the Senior services offered. Of note:

- A new program has started through the Tarrant Food bank that involves boxes of non-perishable items monthly for Seniors based on income.
- There will be a Seasoned Angler Derby in October for the Seniors
- Ballroom dancing has started back up

Mr. TenEyck discussed parks. Highlights include:

- Facility repairs from recent flooding
- Weekend kickball has started up at Foster Village Park
- Oversight of the mowing contractor for City parks has increased

Place 1 Stanley Hill asked about the possibility of a fishing platform being added at Capp Smith Park. Mr. Hamilton addressed this as a possibility and discussed Neighborhood Fishin' which is a program that stocks area lakes through the Texas Parks and Wildlife department. This should be considered if a financial investment is made in fishing docks for Capp Smith Park.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider action to approve the Parks Advisory Meeting Minutes for July 6th, 2022

Member Tim Bobseine made motion, member Stanley Hill 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. Open discussion on feasibility of a city dog park as requested from the 6 July Parks Advisory board meeting.

Mr. Hamilton addressed this to the board with detailed insight on cost, facility requirements and associated amenities to make it work. The last Watauga citizen survey from 2017 only ranked dog park as #14 out 17 potential city amenities.

Place 4 Tim Bobseine suggested a new Citizen Survey to see what the community priorities are currently with many of the items from the 2016 survey completed or in progress.

Items for future agendas:

Chairperson Andra Dunn requested information posted on Halloween decorating nominations and board grading criteria since that event will happen before the next regularly scheduled Parks Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Hamilton said he would address this through e-mails to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm

APPROVED: this _____ day of _____, 2022.

SIGNED: this _____ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED:

Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tim Bobseine, Secretary

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