



MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
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 2 day of Nov, 2022.

SIGNED: this 2 day of Nov, 2022.

APPROVED: A. Dunn /s/
Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST: T. Bobseine /s/
Tim Bobseine, Secretary

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