



**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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
Vacant*	Place 3
Tim Bobseine	Place 4
Vacant	Place 5

* Place 3 Natasha Havrda has officially resigned from the Parks Advisory Board prior to meeting.

And present in council chambers

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Special Events

Timothy Hamilton Director of Parks and Community Services, highlighted the following upcoming special events:

- December 11, 2022, Veterans Day Celebration with a Recreation Center Breakfast followed by a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Capp Smith Park.
- December 3, 2022, Hometown Christmas Celebration at Capp Smith Park with food trucks, fireworks and possibly bounce houses planned.
- February 11, 2023, is the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Recreation Center.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Splashpad operation dates & hours.

Timothy Hamilton Director of Parks and Community Services presented to board members a possible change/extension of the Splash Pad operating season and daily operating hours for

2023 to fully maximize the benefits of this community amenity to the citizens as well as a local business generator. Any revision to the Splash Pad season and hours will be further discussed as a board action item at the next regular meeting for follow-on presentation to the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony were received.

REPORTS

1. Update on Parks, Recreation and Senior Services

Timothy Hamilton Director of Parks and Community Services presented the services update to include the Membership, rentals, maintenance, classes, events, and games being held throughout parks, the community center and Senior Services. He also talked about the following:

- Walk bridge board replacement at Foster Village Park
- Splash Pad has been winterized and placed in proper lay-up for the Winter Season
- Mr. Hamilton has personally inspected all city parks and plans to provide a priority scaled report on repairs required and identified for a future board meeting.

Chairperson Dunn requested a plan for the surface repair of the workout center on the NW corner of the walk path at the Hector Garcia Recreation Center. Director Hamilton agreed that the surface requires attention but also noted that the present workout equipment in this area is dated and worn. This equipment should also be upgraded as part of that surface repair item.

Board member Bobseine inquired about a Holiday Decorating contest for Watauga yards. Director Hamilton confirmed that there will be a yard decoration competition this year. Board member Bobseine inquired about local business sponsors for that competition. Director Hamilton is focusing sponsorship support towards the 2023 Watauga Fest to increase the revenue impact on that event. Chairperson Dunn recommended posting on social media to see if there is any local business interest in sponsoring the yard competitions.

Board member Bobseine inquired about the repair to the solar flood that is currently inoperable on the West end of the walk bridge across from Smiley's Transportation business at Capp Smith Park. Director Hamilton said the repair is moving forward next week under warranty. Board member Bobseine recommended a numbering system for the new park lights so that future lighting issues can be easily reported and specifically identified by patrons of the park to streamline future repairs.

Board member Bobseine requested a status on a limited pool use pass for Watauga citizens at a surrounding area facility. Director Hamilton has reached out to area pools but has not received any feedback from facilities in the area to date.

Board member Hill complimented Director Hamilton on his leadership and energy in guiding the Watauga Recreational Services to this point since assuming the position. The Board consensus

is that the turn-around and positive direction of the department has been obvious since he assumed his position as Recreational Services Director. There's a very positive energy in our Recreational Services team now that you can both sense and feel thanks to his leadership. Director Hamilton acknowledged this compliment by highlighting members of his Team and their combined efforts in a very humble response.

Board member Bobseine inquired about the missing dog waste bag dispenser at the children's play area of the walk path at Hector Garcia Recreation Center. Director Hamilton indicated that they may reduce the dispensers to just one at the Recreation Center walk path location. Board member Bobseine suggested that the lone remaining dispenser be placed at the walkway entrance vice midpoint on the path to facilitate more usage by path walkers. Chairperson Dunn agreed with the new location to path access vice midpoint on the path. Chairperson Dunn also pointed out that all walk-way entrances at Capp Smith Park should have dog waste bag dispensers and that the fenced Ball fields at Foster Village Park are still being utilized as dog play areas with no dog sanitation dispensers provided. She suggested dispensers at these field locations to encourage owners to clean up after their pets.

Board member Bobseine brought up the large broken branch that is suspended in the tree North of the 1st parking lot light at the legacy Senior Center parking lot for future removal. The purpose of this was to inform folks listening at home of the existing safety hazard in the lot until the broken branch is removed.

Board member Bobseine brought up the three trees in front of the legacy Senior Center that have put phone lines associated with the power line poles under tension. He recommended that the phone company be contacted for tree maintenance to protect their equipment or at a minimum involve them so that they can coordinate necessary tree branch maintenance with the power company that owns the poles their distribution lines are suspended from.

Consent Agenda Items

- 1. Consider action to approve the Parks Advisory Meeting Minutes for 07 September 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: 0

Motion to approve passed 3-0-0-0

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Board discuss and submit recommended Splash pad operating dates and hours for the 2023 season.**

- **Nomination of a board Vice Chairperson when/if total board members increase to four members.**

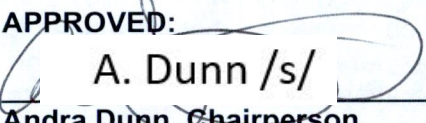
ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 2:59 pm

APPROVED: this 4th day of January, 2023

SIGNED: this 4th day of January, 2023

APPROVED:

A. Dunn /s/ 
Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST: 

T. Bobseine /s/ 

Tim Bobseine, Secretary

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