



**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER,
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Andra Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

**Andra Dunn
Stanley Hill
Kim Irving
Tim Bobseine
Jared Hobbs**

**Chairperson, Place 2
Place 1
Place 3
Secretary, Place 4
Place 5 (Absent Without Notice)**

And

**Jan Hill
Arthur Miner
Linda Proskey
Timothy Hamilton**

**Council Liaison
Mayor
City Secretary
Parks and Recreation Services Director**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Timothy Hamilton Watauga Parks and Recreational Services Director made the following announcements to the board:

1. Upcoming Special Community Events that include:

- St Patrick's Day concert in the Park at the Capp Smith amphitheater
- Apr 21st begins the Movies in the Park program that Director Hamilton previously proposed with a showing of "Mohana"

- May 6th 9-11 am Splash Pad season opening celebration at Capp Smith Park
- May 6th 1-3 pm Mother/Son tea at the Recreation Center
- May 18-21 Wataugafest
- Jun 10th Family Field Day games at Indian Springs Park
- Jun 16th Concert in the Park featuring Empty Pockets
- Jul 14th Movie night in the park "Top Gun Maverick"
- August 11th Movie night in the park featuring TBD by FB survey of the community.
- Sep 8th Concert in the park featuring Michael Hicks
- Sep 15-16 Capp Smith Kids Campout and Fishin' derby
- Sep 20th additional movie night at Capp Smith based on community input.
- Oct 28th Halloween bash at the Recreation Center
- Nov 11th Veterans Day celebrations
- Dec 2nd Hometown Christmas celebration

Board member Bobseine inquired about the movie in the park start times and whether sufficient darkness would ensure a quality show. The director explained that it was taken into consideration and that the movie start times have some flexibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment were received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No requests for public comment were received.

REPORTS

1. Update on Parks, Recreation and Senior Services

Parks and Recreational Services Director Mr. Timothy Hamilton presented the report areas to the board per the detailed document in the meeting packet as part of the agenda.

Following the Report presentation by Director Hamilton, the following discussion points were raised by the board:

Place 4 Tim Bobseine asked about the Yard of the Month Competition, which was absent from the presentation.

Director Hamilton acknowledged the oversight and stated that YOM would be starting again in April.

Place 4 Tim Bobseine inquired if there were any solar light Maintenance suggestions from the original equipment manufacturer to extend their service life as part of the lighting repair

that was contained in the report.

Director Hamilton stated it was not discussed during the repair but said he would follow up with further discussion.

Place 4 Tim Bobseine inquired about who recently performed City area mowing since the landscaping contract has yet to be awarded.

Director Hamilton stated that Watauga Public Works performed this service.

Place 4 Tim Bobseine inquired about the annual Shade structure repairs and sail cloth replacement cost.

Director Hamilton gave a cost breakdown of recent replacements and insurance coverage. Retrofit of existing shade structures to metal is cost-prohibitive. However, cost comparisons for any new structures, including options for metal, would be considered moving forward to reduce repair and maintenance.

Place 4 Tim Bobseine inquired about the protocol for closing the recreation center during weather events, specifically the delayed closure during extremely high winds the week prior.

Director Hamilton stated that closure is initiated by the City Manager per input received from and consultation with the Watauga EOC Director.

Director Hamilton stated that he has been in touch with the Watauga Fire Department, which has an AED Training Aid, and that a training schedule is being worked on.

Place 3 Kim Irving inquired how Movies in the Park were being selected/determined.

Director Hamilton explained the process, including the cost associated with the movies in the park.

Place 3 Kim Irving inquired about the band selection process for the park series and Wataugafest.

Director Hamilton went into detail about budget constraints and the current plan to build the events and sponsorships so that a wider pool of talent is available for future Watauga venues. ARTSNET provides talent for concerts in the park at a cost, vice Wataugafest which is an independent event with self-generated revenue to pay performers. Performer and genre variety is the eventual goal as event popularity grows.

Place 3 Kim Irving inquired about recreational passes to separately pay for programs offered at the Recreation Center.

Director Hamilton stated that the Center is still building back programs to offer, which is the eventual goal as more programming is provided to Recreation Center patrons.

Chairperson Dunn noted that several adjacent yards to the Indian Springs Park had been fenced down following the recent weather event. Her concern is loose dogs and possible City liabilities with the soccer leagues soon to start at the Park fields.

Director Hamilton said he would involve City departments in addressing these concerns and that private property fencing is the responsibility of the associated homeowners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action item to approve the minutes from the 04 January 2023 Parks Advisory Board meeting.

Place 4 Tim Bobseine made motion to approve the minutes. Place 1 Stanley Hill second the motion. Chairperson Dunn called for a vote.

The board vote to approve the 04 January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

The motion passed 4-0-0-1

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider action to designate a current board member as Vice Chairperson for the Parks Advisory Board.

Place 4 Tim Bobseine made motion for Board member Kim Irving to serve as the Parks Advisory Board Vice Chairperson. Place 1 Stanley Hill second the motion. Chairperson Dunn called for a vote.

The board vote to approve Board member Kim Irving as the Parks Advisory Board Vice Chairperson

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

The motion passed 4-0-0-1

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Chairperson Dunn requested input for future agenda items, and none was received at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm

APPROVED ON: This 02 day of May, 2023

SIGNED: This 02 day of May, 2023

APPROVED:

A. Dunn /s/

Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:

T. Bobseine /s/

Tim Bobseine, Secretary

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