



**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
7105 WHITLEY ROAD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Andra Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Stanley Hill	PLACE 1
Andra Dunn	PLACE 2
Kim Irving	PLACE 3 (Absent with Notice)
Tim Bobseine	PLACE 4
VACANT	PLACE 5

and

Arthur Miner	Watauga Mayor
Jan Hill	City Council Liaison (Alternate)
Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Timothy Hamilton	Watauga Parks and Recreation Director
Brian TenEyke	Watauga Parks Superintendent
Vickie Vickers	Recreation center Senior Events Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chairperson Andra Dunn announced to Community members watching the meeting at home that Place 5 on the Parks Advisory Board remains vacant and the procedures for volunteering to fill the position for anyone interested.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Mr. Hamilton presented upcoming Parks and Recreation Special events:**

September 8, 2023 – Concert in the Park (Michael Hix) – 7pm @ Capp Smith Park Amphitheater.

September 15-16, 2023 – Kids Fishin' Derby & Campout – 5pm-10am @ Capp Smith Park.

September 22, 2023 – Movie in the Park (The Greatest Showman) – sunset (7:26ish) @ Capp Smith Park Amphitheater.

October 1, 2023 - 21st Spooktacular Halloween Yard decorations competition submissions.

October 14, 2023 – Watauga 65th Birthday Celebration – 10am-2pm @ Watauga Community Center.

October 20, 2023 – Movie in the Park (Hotel Transylvania: Transformania) – 7pm @ Capp Smith Park Amphitheater.

October 21, 2023 – Running Scared 5k – 8:00am @ Watauga Community Center.

October 27, 2023 – Senior Jamboree – 9am-1pm @ Capp Smith Park Amphitheater.

October 28, 2023 – Halloween Bash – 4-7pm @ Watauga Community Center.

November 10, 2023 – Veteran's Day Celebration – 9-11:30am @ Watauga Community Center & Capp Smith Park.

December 2, 2023 – Hometown Christmas – 5-8pm.

2. Volunteer appreciation recognition

Parks Advisory Board Chairperson Andra Dunn and Directory Hamilton recognized Mr. Lawrence Hudson. They presented him with a plaque of appreciation for his 21 years of assisting and coordinating the Tarrant County Food Bank with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday distributions at the Watauga Recreation Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests for public comment received.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR ACTION ITEMS

No requests for public testimony received.

REPORTS

1. Update of Parks, Recreation and Senior Services

Director Timothy Hamilton, Superintendent Brian Teneyck, and Coordinator Vickers briefed the Parks Advisory Board on their specific areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider action to approve the Parks Advisory Board Minutes from the May 2, 2023, and July 6, 2023, meetings.

Tim Bobseine Place 4 made motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as written. Stanley Hill Place 1 second the motion. Chairperson Andra Dunn called for a vote.

Ayes.	3
Nayes.	0
Abstain.	0
Absent.	1

Motion passes. 3-0-0-1

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion of graffiti and vandalism in City Parks

Director Hamilton briefed the Parks Advisory Board on specific dated instances of both graffiti and vandalism at each of the City Parks. His presentation included a cost breakdown since January 2023 to correct these activities. The reported cost year to date is \$7200.00.

The current preventive posture is to ensure staff reports all instances to the Watauga police department. Continue charting instances to establish patterns while working with the local police. Future budgets to offset these activities could include enhanced technology and upgrades to prison-grade fixtures for common park access facilities.

Community members who witness activity are encouraged to contact the non-emergency police number to further document activity. These reports are also forwarded to the Recreation Department so that corrective action can be scheduled and taken to maintain park amenities as functional.

2. Consideration for selection of Parks Advisory Board Officers:

A. Chairperson B. Vice Chairperson C. Secretary

Tim Bobseine Place 4 made a motion to delay Board assignments until all members are present, including the Vacancy in place 5. Chairperson Dunn modified the motion to postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Place 1 Stanley Hill seconded the modified motion. Chairperson Dunn called for a vote.

Ayes. 3
Nays. 0
Abstain. 0
Absent. 1

Motion passes. 3-0-0-1

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Place 4 Tim Bobseine requested a report on the annual cost to operate the Splash Pad following the 2023 season. He further asked for an overview of the testing in place to keep the Splash Pad safe for public use. He would also like to hear pro and con arguments for licensing food trucks on weekends to help offset operating costs for the Splash Pad and enhance its community impact.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm

APPROVED: this 4th day of January, 2023 4

SIGNED: this 4th day of January, 2023 4

APPROVED:

A. Dunn /s/

Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:

T. Bobseine /s/

Tim Bobseine, Secretary

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