



**MINUTES
WATAUGA PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
TUESDAY, JULY 01, 2025
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Andra Dunn	Chairperson, Place 2
Kim Irving	Secretary, Place 3
Brani Dufoe	Place 1
Layla Downey	Place 4
Darlene Chavious	Place 5

and

Andrew Neal	Council Liaison
Linda Proskey	City Secretary
Timothy Hamilton	Director of Parks and Recreation
Brian TenEyke	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of outstanding volunteers

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, and recreational staff Vickey Atchley and Ngoc Hillman recognized Mr. Rocco Pontuti as an Outstanding volunteer for the Active Adult Senior center. Mr. Pontuti is a very active member at the center, and he has been extremely helpful with setting up and decorating the center for various holiday events. In

recognition of his services, he was presented with a Volunteer Service Award certificate.

2. Upcoming Parks & Community Services special events

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, presented a copy of the July 2025 calendar of various community events to Park Advisory Board members, showing that the first event of the month would be the Senior Game Night on July 1, 2025, and the Pupsicles in the Park will be the last scheduled event of the month on July 31, 2025. In addition to the July calendar of events, a copy of Upcoming Special Events for the year was presented to the Park Advisory Board, showing the next scheduled upcoming event will be on September 5, 2025, with a Movie in the Park and ending with the upcoming event on December 13, 2025, with the Breakfast with Santa event.

3. May 2025 Yard of the Month winner

Brian Teneyck, Assistant Director of Park and Community Services acknowledged Mr. Michael Brast, 6716 Cedar View Trail, as the winner of the May 2025 Yard of the Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. Robert McKown, 7601 Parkview Drive, Watauga, Texas - Mr. McKown voiced his comments and concerns regarding improving landscaping issues at Capp Smith Park and the Watauga Recreation Center. He suggested adding mulch and more colorful flowers to the landscaping at Capp Smith Park and at the Watauga Recreation Center to create a more impressionable appearance for the community.
2. Ms. Preem Sridharan, 7641 Parkview Drive, Watauga, Texas Ms. Sridharan voiced her concerns regarding coyotes, wild ducks, and coyote defecation found in her backyard. Ms. Sridharan is concerned for her safety and the safety of her puppy in regard to this situation because the coyotes are coming into her yard and entering her fence.
3. Ms. Sandy Sharp, 7645 Parkview Drive, Watauga, Texas - Ms. Sharp commented that Capp Smith Park has degraded in the past seven years. Ms. Sharp said she lives near the corner of Starnes and Parkview. She said she had noticed fire ant mounds, missing stones, and crabgrass near the park's bathroom entryway, which appears to have never been taken care of. Ms. Sharp said there are two dead trees standing that need to be removed, along with crabgrass and other debris near the bridge at the park.
4. Mr. Jeremy Moody, 5924 Robin Drive, Watauga, Texas - Mr. Moody's comments and concerns are regarding animal cruelty at Capp Smith Park. Mr. Moody said he has noticed mutilated turtles and other harmful incidents involving the ducks when he and his family are walking around the park. Mr. Moody also mentioned that there are no security cameras or patrol officers at the park. He suggested adding security cameras or police officers to help deter these types of incidents.
5. Mr. Steve Parlick, 6048 Robin Drive, Watauga, Texas - Mr. Parlick commented that his concerns are regarding Capp Smith Park, indicating that there is trash debris, people consuming alcohol on the park premises, and mutilation and cruelty to animals. Mr. Parlick said his wife and son walk every night at Capp Smith Park, and they have seen a mutilated duck and boys throwing nets and rocks at the ducks. Mr. Parlick suggested that more signage be posted stating "Leave Wildlife Alone," and that park signage be posted on Starnes Street

indicating there is a park in the area. He also mentioned he would like to see the implementation of security cameras, enhanced track lighting, and officer patrols at the park.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

1. Mr. Robert McKown, 7601 Parkview Drive, Watauga, Texas — Mr. McKown's public testimony was in regard to the stocking of Capp Smith Park Lake. Mr. McKown said he has fished at Capp Smith Park Lake and has seen big carp, bass, and catfish in the pond. He would like to see more game fish stocked in the pond and, during the winter season, to have the pond stocked with trout.

REPORTS

1. Update on Parks, Recreation, & Active Adult Services

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, provided the Park Advisory Board members with the monthly service reports for Parks, Recreation, and Active Adult Services for the months of April 2025 and May 2025. Recreation and rentals highlights included membership check-ins and rentals, which increased for both months compared to the previous year. Active Adult Services hosted several events, including Saturday Nite Jamboree, Game Night, and Community Dance. These monthly events were supported by sponsors such as Suvida Healthcare, Legacy Bank, Fyzical Therapy and Balance, Encompass, CARE Patrol, Nicole Anderson, Jason's Deli, and Keller Oaks Healthcare. The Parks Division reported eight citizen requests, down one from May 2024, and seven incidents of graffiti or vandalism, which was a decrease of one from the previous year. The Capp Smith Food Truck Master Plan was presented to EDC on May 20.

2. Report on the 2025 WataugaFest event

Timothy Hamilton, Director of Parks and Community Services, provided the Park Advisory Board members with a recap of the WataugaFest event. Director Hamilton mentioned the total attendance for the event was 24,000. The event had nine sponsors, seventy-eight vendors, and six city information booths. The Revenue vs. Expenses net was +\$456, which estimates an even break. Director Hamilton commented on the event's successes, which were the entertainment, moving the stage setup to better fill the field, and the children's entrepreneur booths, and he commented on opportunities to improve upon next year's event, which will include event parking and having weather alerts put in place. A new idea for next year would be to add a car show. The projected date for next year's WataugaFest will be May 14 through May 17, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the May 6, 2025, Park Board minutes

Chairperson Dunn entertained a motion. Kim Irving, Place 3 made a motion to approve May 6, 2025, minutes as presented and Darlene Chavious, Place 5 second the motion.

With there being no discussion, Chairperson Andra Dunn called for a vote, with members present as follows:

Ayes. 5 (Dufoe, Dunn, Irving, Downey, Chavious)

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 0

The motion passes. 5-0-0-1

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss the stocking of Capp Smith Park Lake.

Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Community Services Director, presented a copy of Fish Stocking at Capp Smith Park to Park Advisory Board members. Director Hamilton said fish stocking is currently done once a year with 150 to 250 large catfish for the Kid's Fishing Derby, totaling 500 pounds' worth. He said the lake is not eligible for the Texas Parks and Wildlife fishin' program. He also mentioned that in past years the lake has been stocked with catfish, bass, and bluegill sunfish. Director Hamilton also mentioned Fishing Rules and Tips for the lake, as well as possible improvements for a one-time stocking to include bass, coppernose bluegill, minnows, and channel catfish. This type of stocking was suggested by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

2. Discuss the wildflower areas at Capp Smith Park.

Timothy Hamilton, Parks and Community Services Director, presented a presentation that indicated the previous growth areas where the wildflowers were at Capp Smith Park in comparison to the current areas, which are not flourishing as they had been in the past. Director Hamilton said this is due to the new and different companies' maintenance of mowing in these areas, as well as people walking through them. Moving forward, Director Hamilton plans to ensure the mowing instructions are followed closely by the mowing companies that are administering the maintenance of the wildflowers.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Chairperson Dunn proposed a discussion for adopting a flower bed program for the Keep Watauga Beautiful Program. Chairperson Dunn entertained a second. Kim Irving, Place 3, seconded the stated proposal of adopting a flower bed for the Keep Watauga Beautiful Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Andra Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

APPROVED: this 2nd day of September, 2025

SIGNED: this 2nd day of September, 2025

APPROVED:

/s/ A. Dunn

Andra Dunn, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Kim Irving

Kim Irving, Secretary