

Agenda Parks & Recreation Advisory Board December 18, 2024 7:00 PM Frank Eagles Meeting Room – Town Hall

ITEM	AGENDA TOPIC
1.	Call to Order
2.	Approval of November 20, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
3.	Old Business a. Staff Reports b. Potential Names for The Farm (Board Members Choices)
4.	Adjourn



Minutes Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting November 20, 2024 7:00 PM Frank Eagles Meeting Room Town Hall

PRESENT: Mr. Kevin Mazur. Chair

Ms. Judy Siwy, Member Mr. Richard Armant, Member Commissioner Paul Vilga

June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director Mr. Clay Campbell, Member Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member Eddie Henderson, Project & Facilities Coordinator Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation Administrative

Dr. Mothanna Al-Hoory, Member Support Specialist

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mazur called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

2. APPROVAL of October 23, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes The motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 2024, was carried with a unanimous vote, 7 voted aye, 0 voted nay.

OLD BUSINESS 3.

a. Staff Reports:

- i. Athletics Basketball season has begun, and evaluations were conducted last week. Rosters have been formed and the games schedule will be posted this week. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure the gym at Rolesville Charter Academy so we will continue to pay a large fee to Community Schools.
- Cultural Programming The Casino trip has a full van. The grand opening for Caesars Virgina is December 12, 2024, and our trip is December 19, 2024. Since we already have a full van, thinking of adding a 2nd trip on the 12th to coincide with the grand opening. Our 1st Senior Stars Cornhole Fest event was a success and will be held on every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11:30 am with additional dates being added. Now that Tina has been certified to teach CPR and AED classes, we will begin offering classes in March 2025. Next year's Golden Years Expo will be held on August 20, 2025.
- iii. Special Events Fall FunFest was a huge success even though the NC State Fair impacted our attendance numbers. We are looking to move away from the Halloween themed event and turn it into more of a Fall theme next year. This will give us the opportunity to include other cultures and holidays. Had our 1st Veteran's luncheon that went well considering not many people knew about it. On the topic of veteran's, looking to integrate our Memorial Day Walk with the building of the Joel Center on Main Street once completed. Our 1st Tree Lighting event since Covid will be held on December 2, 2024. We are looking into integrating the event with the Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade next year. Most of the department will be heading to Greensboro for the annual NC Recreation & Park Association conference in December. Our annual Holiday Ham giveaway will be held on December 20, 2024, and we are in full swing of taking donations.
- iv. Parks & Facilities Eddie will be going on Paternity leave any day now. The road work at The Farm has progressed nicely and the gravel is down. The 2 outdoor museums have been installed

and look great. The Planting Day event that was co-hosted with the NC Wildlife Federation was a success. We removed and planted around 400 various shrubs and pollinators plants. We will be reaching out to various other groups to volunteer in the future and Dr. Al-Hoory mentioned he knows of a group that can help.

b. Potential Names for The Farm:

i. June showed the board the list of various names submitted by residents. He asked that each board member come back to next month's meeting with their top 2 picks. There has been some confusion regarding the facts and legal obligations of the town when the land was purchased which June addressed. Multiple board members stated that maybe some of the buildings or parks built there could be named after each of the many families that have owned the property over the years.

c. 2025 Calendar:

i. Chair Mazur asked members if they reviewed the calendar and for a motion to approve. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote, 7 voted aye, 0 voted nay.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 6520 Fowler Road:

i. Property was known prior as Woodlief Assemblage but currently has no new name. Eddie reviewed map and pointed out there are currently no plans for greenways. The Northern area of the property is where the George Taylor lynching occurred, and the marker will be placed. Commissioner Vilga stated the town has grown so much and is now in the position to be selective about what is wanted and asked of developers to do. Right now, developers are doing the bare minimum which is no longer a stance we have to accept. Eddie asked the board for a motion to ask the develops to add greenways and a bridge. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote, 7 voted aye, 0 voted nay.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Board Members Terms Ending:

- i. Chair Mazur's term is ending but he has agreed to stay on until the position is filled. Vice Chair Dr. Al-Horry's term is not yet up. No paperwork is needed to extend Dr. Al-Hoory's term; he just has to verbally confirm he would like to continue to serve to which he said yes.
- ii. Commissioner Vilga discussed various other projects being considered or already approved.
- iii. How Parker Ridge greenways will connect to Rolesville Elementary School and Town Campus.

6. ADJOURN

No further business needing to be discussed, Chair Mazur adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.