

Town of Rolesville
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes for Wednesday September 28, 2022

Call to Order - 7:02 meeting begins

Kevin Mazur - President

Derek Versteegen - Secretary

Aaron Gauger (*not present*)

Richard Armant

Mary Ka Powers

Mothanna Al-Hoory

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JG Ferguson - Parks & Recreation Director

Paul Vilga - Town Commission Liaison

Correction to last month's minutes - date of next meeting read September 24, should have been September 28

Motion to Approve Minutes from August 31, 2022 from Mary Ka Powers as amended

Second motion from Richard Armant

5-0 in favor of approving minutes from August 31, 2022

Old Business

- Boy Scout Project Update

JG reports that the town's insurance company provided some feedback

- The structure not be near any other physical structures
- The structure be classified as an art feature and not a climbing apparatus
- 6ft of mulch all around structure
- 1ft deep mulch all around structure
- A border is to be installed

JG reached out to the parties and they will give the project some more thought given the feedback received.

Derek asked if we have a list of project types that we would accept? For instance, does the town have a list of things it needs or wants that could be kept on file for people or groups like this to pick from?

JG mentions that the town does not but would check with other townships to see if they have something similar - regardless it will be something staff will look at.

New Business

- Cost Recovery - JG shares a presentation and a discussion follows.
 - Derek asks how many programs are in each program service area and that it might be helpful to include that in the breakdown table so the town commissioners can understand more clearly how successful our Parks and Recreation Department is

- JG notes the success/capacity of the Summer Camp and that discussions are happening that look to expand the program to meet the demand. Staff is speaking to a local church as a possible location
 - Commissioner Vilga ask whether the town offers an underprivileged sign up consideration since the program, although very competitively priced, can still be outside some resident's budget
 - JG explains they have ways to accommodate folks that might not be able to make a full payment but could look at other options especially if they are able to expand the program. Reminds board that all programs have an initial period where only residents can sign up before registration opens to the public (i.e. non-residents)
- Mothanna request the packet we received be updated so the changes discussed can be reviewed/validated - JG acknowledges
- Mothanna shares thoughts/vision that Rolesville should aim to set an example with recreation as a service. We should aim to make it so residents do not have to pay as the should provide the service - if not free than at least at a greater discount
(board discussed various perspectives)
 - Kevin noted, "you get what you pay for" and some are concerned that without a financial connection to the programming we might run the risk of people being more willing to not show up, since there is now risk for them.
 - Derek noted that the places that model is successful has a different social-economic and cultural climate where the service might not otherwise be available/provided and the government is the only one capable of providing it - plus, individuals in those areas/countries appreciate recreation in a different way than they seem to in the states.
 - Derek suggests a possible incentive plan aimed to reward return patronage of town recreation services. For instance ... if a family has a child in soccer, the 5th year could be free or each year after the second is discounted more, etc. ... a sort of recreation credit
 - JG notes that demand still exceed the town's ability to supply programming
 - Mothanna suggested board members write down ideas and submit them to JG

Director Reports

Facility Update

- See Amended document
[no additional discussion]

Events

- See Amended document
[no additional discussion]

Committee Reports

OSAG Committee

- JG mentions Eddie continues to work with members to re-establish regular meetings.
- No other report

Facility Naming and Identity Committee

- Mary Ka reports work continues and anticipates a final draft by year's end.

Other Business

- Commissioner Vilga suggests we might want to look at adding something about pollinators to our LDO to follow and help support the town's recent proclamation. Perhaps creating a subcommittee or advocacy group - "Naturally Rolesville"
- JG notes that PARAB has three positions opening up with end of terms approaching

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Derek Versteegen is seconded by Mary Ka Powers. Meeting ends at 8:33.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, October 26.