

Town of Rolesville  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes for Wednesday April 27, 2022

**Call to Order** - 7:03 meeting begins

Mothanna Al-Hoory (not present)

Kevin Mazur

Richard Armant

Mary Ka Powers

Derek Versteegen

Abby Armistead (not present)

Aaron Gauger

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JG Ferguson - Parks & Recreation Director

Paul Vilga - Town Commission Liaison

Motion to Approve Minutes from March 23, 2022 from Richard Armant

Second motion from Aaron Gauger

5-0 in favor of approving minutes from March 23, 2022

**Old Business**

- Outdoor Museum – Status
  - JG explains that Eddie Henderson, the new Project and Facilities Coordinator for the town, will be reaching out for introductions and meeting time to review involvement with TRC and other general duties.
- Farm - Entrance
  - JG presents a map of the proposed entrances for the farm and explains the conversation with McAdams to estimate the design, permitting, construction, and administration will cost \$80k to \$90k for 100% plans.
  - Last month JG estimated the overall cost of the project to be around \$800k. The McAdams estimate came in under \$700k but that cost may or may not cover the cost of acquiring the second entrance right of way from NCDOT, if even approved.
  - To make the project more attractive to the town board and to reduce future wasteful costs JG suggests the first ~150 feet of the entrances be completed 100% (mainly to match up to the bypass) then just use 1st layer pavement (like a neighborhood still in development - not finished) for the next ~150 feet before switch to gravel for the rest of the area used by vehicular traffic. This would include parking and possible access to the northeast corner of the property where an easement to St Rt 96 is still being discussed.
  - JG asks the board for feedback on the general idea and asks which scenario is preferred:
    - Only build one entrance

- Build the southern entrance first, then the second (north) entrance at a later date (pending NCDOT approval)
  - Build both the south and the north entrances so both are available as soon as possible
- Derek states the preference for the third option, having both entrances at the same time and adds a preference for the south to be one way in and the north to be one way out.
- Mary Ka doesn't specifically comment on the one way or bidirectional entrances but also supports the plans to have both entrances installed at the same time.
- The rest of the board agrees (nods of heads, no objections, no further discussion)
- JG notes the consensus and concludes Old Business discussions

## **New Business**

- Boy Scout Project
  - Mr. Alex Sakell with Boy Scout Troop 141 presents his proposal to construct helmet racks for the baseball fields (A & B) at Redford Place Park.
  - All board members either immediately or at one point in time during discussions share appreciation for the presentation and Alex's poise during the presentation and while receiving and responding to feedback.
  - Derek asks three questions
    - Will the location of the structure impede foot traffic or be prone to being run into given that it will stick out from the fence at least 12in.?  
      - Alex states the location is out of the way enough to where those concerns should not arise.
    - Will the location of the structure impede the view of the field of play either for spectators, coaches, players, or refs?  
      - Alex states the location will not interfere with any line of sight
    - When reviewing other designs prior to the meeting it was observed that some racks had bat holders, not seeing any in the design was this thought to not be a need?  
      - Alex and his father (in attendance) explain the idea was considered but felt like it wasn't as important and would be an additional cost to them but consideration will be reviewed again.
  - Mary Ka asks about maintenance and states a concern that the painted surfaces might need attention prior to the 10-15 year estimated useful life of these structures.
    - JG interjects that black is likely the best color and will not be an insurmountable task to include in the town's field inspections and maintenance routines.
  - Kevin suggests that making them removable might help with maintenance.
    - Alex explains that could be done if needed depending on what final decision on mounting ends up being.

- Aaron asks JG how the town handles end of life projects that are essentially a form of a donation like this proposal.
  - JG explains they are maintained as much as possible by the town all though with park general over use and limited staffing some things can be challenging to stay on top of. When the town is unable to keep up maintenance either the original donor will or can help or when/if it is left in disrepair it is eventually removed all together.
- Aaron asks Alex if their projects have to be new work or can it be a maintenance or refurbishing project?
  - Alex explains that both new construction and maintenance/repair projects can be approved.
- Mary Ka asks if Alex would mind introducing his parents as well, since they are in attendance.
  - Alex introduces his father and then his “beautiful mother” - his words (I just take the minutes).

**A motion to approve the proposal as presented by Alex Sakell and for he to work with the town to finalize plans and coordinate the installation was offered by Derek Versteegen and seconded by Richard Armant.**

**The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.**

## **Director Reports**

### **Facility Update**

- JG gives an update on the lights for Field C as he expects them to be installed sometime in June
- JG announces Eddie Henderson, the new Project and Facilities Coordinator for the town and outlines some of the work he is starting on including the TRC process.
- Paul asks the board whether there are any second thoughts about the recommendation to have the Rolesville Community Center at Cobblestone a two story structure.
  - Without hesitation the board makes it clear the recommendation for a two story structure stands.
  - The general consensus is the board feels the difference in cost and opportunity is too great so a one story building simply should not be considered.
    - Dick notes the town is wasting time with the back and forths as the costs to do anything only continues to increase
    - JG adds the design process is already far enough along that a significant cost would come into play if staff had to change direction - this not only includes the financial cost of planning but the programming plans for the space would not have to be revisited and altered.
    - Aaron asks if the commissioner(s) are asking for this to be discussed again because the difference in cost (1 story vs 2 story) is needed for something else?

- Paul explains there is nothing, to his knowledge, that funds are needed
- Derek states his preference for the two story design
- Mary Ka also wishes to stick with the original recommendation.
- Given the other nods of agreement and silence, Paul notes the board's position to stay with the original recommendation for the 2 story design.

#### Programs

- See Amended document  
*[no additional discussion]*

#### Events

- See Amended document  
*[no additional discussion]*

### Committee Reports

#### OSAG Committee

- Derek OSAG worked with Historic Rolesville Society to finalize and delivery (to JG) Outdoor Museum Sites

#### Facility Naming and Identity Committee

- Mary Ka reports the notes on changes are in the process of being worked in to document and expects the final draft to be presented at our next meeting

### Other Business

- Paul informs us that Rolesville is one of two Wake County towns that have yet to sign the Mayor Monarch Pledge - a proclamation for a town to commit to saving the butterfly.
  - Town will be issuing proclamation
  - Town to encourage dwellings and increase habitat, perhaps including installing a demonstration garden
- Paul also notes Boy Scout Troop 141 reached out with merit badge interest to help clean up litter (adopt) Main Street Park - to be discussed with staff.
- JG adds another offer was to build a helmet rack for baseball dugouts - waiting for proposal.
- Paul shares comments on Arbor Day, good turn out, better timing/location, since being at Main Street Park there were more unsuspecting participants
  - Suggests considering adding food and drink next year
- Action items included following up with the Naming Committee for any updates.

**Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn by Derek Versteegen is seconded by Richard Armant and 8:47 pm meeting ends