

Town of Rolesville
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes for Wednesday March 23, 2022

Call to Order - 6:59 meeting begins

Mothanna Al-Hoory

Kevin Mazur

Richard Armant

Mary Ka Powers

Derek Versteegen

Abby Armistead

Aaron Gauger

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JG Ferguson - Parks & Recreation Director

Paul Vilga - Town Commission Liaison

Motion to Approve Minutes from February 23, 2022 from Mothanna Al-Hoory

Second motion from Richard Armant

7-0 in favor of approving minutes from February 23, 2022

Old Business

- Chandlers Ridge – Potential Park Property
 - Not much to add from previous discussion, JG notes that a meeting is coming up.
- Cobblestone/Community Center
 - JG states things are moving forward, currently in the design phase, stated the town commissioners agreed on the 2 story plan.
- Farm - Next Steps for PARAB
 - JG states the budget to design the entrance might be about \$800,000 and could be taken from park impact fees - commissions will discuss in upcoming workshop
- Open Space & Greenway Plan Update
 - JG informs the steering committee will be meeting soon

New Business

- Trail Art
 - Kristen (staff) presents program and various pieces for review/vote.
 - Mothanna asks about contest requirements/theme. Staff clarifies that there are none other than what is stated on the competition document (hand out).
 - Derek asks what we do with the art work provided. Staff explains they are given away - the program is designed to purchase the art and leave it out at town parks for residents to find and keep.
 - Mothanna suggests printing "RV2022" as a reference (or something similar) as a means to establish an identity and remembrance. Staff will consider adding a sort of identification marking on next year's requirements and ask current year winner to incorporate if it is possible to do so without disrupting the artist's vision.

- Additional discussion about art pieces and selection criteria. Many, if not all, would like to select local artists. Many also felt certain pieces had more direct connections to the town and are a little more appreciated even if not from a local artist.

A motion to approve the artwork presented by Scott Partridge was offered by Derek Versteegen and seconded by Abby Armistead.

The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

- Memorial Donation Policy Review
 - Staff having discussions/meetings on how to get the Outdoor Museum appended to the Open Space & Greenway Comprehensive Plan.
 - JG offers the likelihood of using the existing Memorial & Donation Policy and staff will meet/review the policy to see what/how/if at all modifications will be needed to accommodate the proposal.

Director Reports

Facility Update

- JG communicates some of the challenges with cleaning staff shortage - looking for people at least on weekends paying \$11/hr to clean facilities.
- JG informs the slow progress with Cobblestone is affecting parking at and around Main Street Park
- JG explains lighting updates going into the budget
 - Abby asks if all systems will have remote functionality
 - Paul asks for field confirmation
 - JG confirmed fields and remote functionality and adds the ability to schedule on/off times and the position/aiming of the lights will allow for other/additional recreation programming in our lighted spaces
- Mothanna shares concerns with Main Street Park over use is becoming obvious
 - Fence in parking lot coming into disrepair
 - Aesthetics of that area and entrance need attention
 - Group picnic areas also showing some need for attention
 - Suggest expanding amenities into the park (interior)
 - JG acknowledges and agrees with observations and notes staff addressing them and shares details of discussions related to various needed improvements to the parks/equipment
- Aaron ask if there is anything to recover costs - how can we enhance quality
 - JG explains the town board likes to see 100% cost recovery while we (staff) would like to be seen/understood to be more of service so actually recovery is somewhere in between 0 and 100%.
- Aaron asks if town needs/accepts (board) game donations

- JG states it would depend on what the town currently has and will need to review the inventory to see if there is a need or not.
- Derek asks if the town advertises any sort of donation drive.
 - JG responds that most games are purchased with budgeted funds to ensure games are “complete” and not likely to have missing or damaged pieces.
- Aaron asks if there is a Recreation Day?
 - JG explain it’s not an event mainly due to logistics
- Mary Ka asks when Main Street road construction is going to begin?
 - Paul states that it keeps moving and could not provide a concrete answer
- Mary Ka ask/confirm the Farmer’s Market is moving?
 - Dick explains some of the businesses complained about the crowding/traffic so they moved
 - JG states the Farmers Market will move toward the end of the year and opens conversation to add to Fall Fun Fest event

[Mary Ka, expectedly, leaves meeting]

Programs

- See Amended document
[no additional discussion]

Events

- See Amended document
[no additional discussion]

Committee Reports

OSAG Committee

- Historic Rolesville Society working with OSAG to identify Outdoor Museum Sites.

Facility Naming and Identity Committee

- No report presented

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 Kevin Mazur and 8:43 meeting ends