



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
February 26, 2025
7:00 PM
Frank Eagles Meeting Room - Town Hall

PRESENT: Dr. Mothanna Al-Hoory, Chair
Mr. Richard Armant, Member
Mr. Clay Campbell, Member
Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member
Ms. Joanie Lanterman, Member
Ms. Judy Siwy, Member
Commissioner Paul Vilga
June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director
Eddie Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation Administrative Support Specialist

ABSENT: Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Al-Hoory called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. **APPROVAL of December 18, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024, was carried with a unanimous vote, 6 voted aye, 0 voted nay (6 voted, 1 absent)

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Staff Reports:**

- i. Athletics – Spring athletics about to begin. Baseball/Softball participation up, but had to cancel a few leagues due to low enrollment numbers. Hoping to have a 10U & 12U boys Baseball All-Star team play in a tournament this year. All leagues in Soccer are completely full. Basketball season is finishing up this week and we are sending 4 teams to an All-Star tournament in Nash County. Rec Day will be held this year on April 5, 2025. April is also National Autism Awareness month, so we will be incorporating that into our Rec Day event and throughout April. June went to a conference in Winston Salem for P&R directors. Brett Garrett no longer works for the town.
- ii. Cultural Programming – Summer camp only has 8 open spots available. Tina is also planning many different types of outings for Seniors. Tina will have an intern this summer again and he starts in May.
- iii. Special Events – Shred event and blood drive in January were once again successful. Trail art submissions ended earlier in the month and the 3 finalists will be presented at next month's meeting.
- iv. Parks & Facilities – Eddie showed the board current pictures of the Farm, including the entrance and parking lot that have been completed. The installation of gates for both entrances have been approved. Security cameras will also be ordered and placed out at the Farm. Construction on the Mill Bridge Nature Park Amphitheater has been pushed back due to inclement weather and contract issues, but will begin next week. The current wooden stage will be removed and a new

stage will be built. An ADA compliant ramp will be installed. The design for the current event center at The Farm isn't large enough, so the plan for that will change substantially. A decision on the firm that will design the event center still needs to be made.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction of new PARAB member - Ms. Joanie Lanterman talked about her work and prior volunteering experience as well as her personal history.
- b. Elect and vote on new Vice-Chair – Dr. Al-Hoory nominated Mr. Campbell to vice chair the committee. A motion was carried with a unanimous aye vote and Mr. Campbell accepted.
- c. Wait Avenue Development and Park – Eddie asked board to vote on whether to ask the developer for a total of 8 acres to build another park to relieve some of the congestion at Main Street Park. A motion was carried with a unanimous aye vote.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. June asked the Board if they would object to changing the meeting start time to 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. A motion was carried with a unanimous aye vote. A revised calendar will be sent to the Town Clerk.
- b. Dr. Al-Hoory believes the prior Chair Mr. Mazur should be given a small gift as a token of the Board's appreciation for serving on the PARAB. In addition, Chair Al-Hoory didn't receive a formal notification of his extended term. June explained the notification is the responsibility of the Town Clerk. However, due to the recent personnel change, the notification may have fallen through the cracks. The procedure will be addressed with the new Town Clerk.
- c. Dr. Al-Hoory asked why the Town Board hasn't voted on the name the PARAB decided on for The Farm. Commissioner Vilga explained while he gives the Board updates on P&R, including the decided name, it hasn't come up for a vote yet.
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6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Chair Dr. Al-Hoory adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.