



**Minutes**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
**March 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  
June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director  
Eddie Henderson, Parks Superintendent  
Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation Administrative Support Specialist  
Kristen Stafford, Special Events Coordinator

**ABSENT:** Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member; Commissioner Paul Vilga

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dr. Al-Hoory called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. **APPROVAL of February 26, 2025, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2025, 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 has begun and for the first time since June started as director of Rolesville Parks and Recreation, all T-Ball and baseball games will be played in house. Soccer has about 291 participants and all the leagues are at full capacity. Mark was informed this week the referees hired to officiate the games were no longer available. Mark was able to find another company to referee the games. We've discussed potentially having in-house officiating for soccer by having some high school students who play on their school team officiate. The 4 basketball teams sent to the All-Star tournament in Nash County competed and represented the Town well.
- ii. Cultural Programming – School's Out(side) Day Camp has 9 children enrolled and Summer Camp is completely full. The Line Dancing and Zumba class enrollments are doing well. Working on getting seniors to sign up for the Azelia Festival and ZincHouse day trip but struggling with getting people to register. Unveiling of the senior network van was earlier today from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Tina meets with the Senior Network group monthly to brainstorm about the types of trips and programs seniors would enjoy. We will be volunteering at the Senior Games on April 22, 2025, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- iii. Special Events – We're excited for Rec Day and are hoping for a good turnout. April 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Autism Awareness Day and Town staff will be wearing blue shirts in recognition of the day. Egg Rush will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> and we are trying something different this year. Instead of swapping eggs for candy and toys, the eggs will be pre-filled which should make the event flow better. We

will hold an event for Arbor Day on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at MSP near the rear of the park as a day of service. We've purchased trees to plant and seed paper to hand out to volunteers.

- iv. Parks & Facilities – There are no major updates on the Farm. The site has been secured with gates and security cameras, but we are finding that people are still going onto the property for various reasons. Steady progress is being made at the Mill Bridge Nature Park Amphitheater. Significant changes should be made during the upcoming month and we hope construction will be complete by next month's meeting. Cobblestone finally started repaving work on the greenway at Main Street Park, so a new paved trail and extra signage should be installed soon. Additional new pathways leading to Cobblestone have also been installed. Eddie has been spending time with the Town inspector looking over various greenways and formally accepting them into the Town's greenway network.
- v. Tree Board Candidates – Eddie updated the PARAB on the progress towards finalizing the Tree Board. Unfortunately, several of the 7 candidates have withdrawn their names. We will re-advertise positions on the Tree Board to get another candidate pool. **(Note: One of the candidates, Mr. James Bradford, appeared in person to tell the board about himself and his passion for trees at the beginning of this meeting.)**

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Trail Art Submissions – Kristen explained the backstory and history of the program. We had more submissions this year than in prior years, so the Town employees were asked to vote for their 3 favorite to narrow the candidates down. One of the finalists dropped out, so the Board only had two artists to choose from. The Board unanimously voted for Mr. Marek Kasprisin, whose business name is "Holey Timber." The art pieces are described as handcrafted wooden plant propagation stations.

#### 5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **(Note, this happened at the start of the meeting)** - June presented the prior chair, Kevin Mazur, with a certificate of appreciation for volunteering his time to serve on the PARAB for 2 terms, one year of which serving as chair.

#### 6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Chair Dr. Al-Hoory adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 11624 Louisburg Road, Wake Forest, NC, 27587.