



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
May 28, 2025
6:00 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
Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member
June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director
Kristen Stafford, Special Events Coordinator
Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation Administrative Support Specialist

ABSENT: Commissioner Paul Vilga, Eddie Henderson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dr. Al-Hoory called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. **APPROVAL of April 23, 2025, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2025, was carried with a unanimous vote, 7 voted aye

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Staff Reports:**

- i. Athletics – Spring athletics has wrapped up for the season. Soccer and Baseball 10U and 12U finished up their tournaments and 8U will be finishing theirs up next week regardless of field conditions. During the 2nd week of July, 8U, 10U & 12U Baseball will be participating in an All Starts tournament. Registration for Fall Flag Football, T-Ball, Baseball and Softball has begun and is being completed in RecDesk. Staff is considering having Food Trucks present during ball games.
- ii. Cultural Programming – Inaugural Senior trip to ZincHouse Winery & Brewery was on May 22, 2025. We had 6 attendees and a photographer from East Wake Television was in attendance. Line Dancing and Zumba classes continue to do very well.
- iii. Special Events – Trail Art will begin being placed on the greenways at Main Street Park and Mill Bridge Nature Park beginning on June 1, 2025. We have a Litter Sweep event on June 7, 2025. Our annual Juneteenth event will be held on June 21, 2025. We will have food trucks, inflatables and have confirmed 4 artists to perform. We are trying to get a local school to perform a dance in celebration of African American culture, but haven't found one yet. Two Fridays in July we will have 2 food trucks in recognition of Parks & Rec Month. Memorial Mile had an excellent turn out. Next year we would like to have a ceremony at the community center and then walk to the Joel Fund building since the distance is an exact mile one way. We would then have a BBQ luncheon with hot dogs and burgers at their location. Dr. Al-Hoory stated board members should be promoting events as well.
- iv. Parks & Facilities – Pictures of the renovations completed to Mill Bridge Nature Park so far were

shown. Grass has been placed down, and the steps are now concrete instead of wood so we will no longer have issues with dry rot.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Former Pine Glow Building – On May 22, 2025, on S. Main Street, ground broke on the New Athletic Sports Complex.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **(Note, this happened at the beginning of the meeting)** – Lukas' sister, Lilian Marquardt, attended the meeting to get an idea of how the meetings functioned. She is interested in sitting on the Board and replacing her brother as our HS student member. June asked Lilian to complete an application at her earliest opportunity.
- b. **(Note, the request occurred at the end of the meeting)** – Dr. Al-Hoory asked if an updated directory could be emailed to the board members.

6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Chair Dr. Al-Hoory adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.