



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
July 23, 2025
6:00 PM
Frank Eagles Meeting Room - Town Hall

PRESENT: Mr. Richard Armant, Member
Mr. Clay Campbell, Vice Chair
Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member
Ms. Joanie Lanterman, Member
Eddie Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation
Administrative Support Specialist

ABSENT: Dr. Mothanna Al-Hoory, Chair; Ms. Judy Siwy, Member; Ms. Lilian Marquardt,
Member; June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director; Commissioner Paul Vilga

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **APPROVAL of May 28, 2025, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2025, was carried with a unanimous vote, 4 voted aye, 0 voted nay (4 voted, 3 absent)

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Staff Reports:**

- i. Athletics – Fall athletics is about to begin. Evaluations and coaches' meetings will start this week. Baseball All-Stars went well and Member Lanterman discussed how much the kids and coaches enjoyed the experience. Vice Chair Campbell asked if we are tracking registration numbers for athletics from year to year. He is interested in seeing how the matrix of community involvement in athletics is growing. Member Lanterman mentioned how cancelling fall athletics back in 2023 did not sit well with a lot of residents and they are hesitant to give the Town another opportunity to prove programs are run differently. Vice Chair Campbell suggested using surveys for community feedback. Eddie and Nara stated how we have a hard getting the community to complete surveys. We discussed some other ways to get surveys out to the residents. The PARAB would like to see the resident numbers really increase as the Town grows.
- ii. Cultural Programming – Summer camp started and every week is full. Most of the classes are well attended. Tina has scheduled several trips for the Seniors, which include Carolina Premium Outlets, The Biltmore Estate and Caesars Casino in Danville, Virginia.
- iii. Special Events – Our 2nd annual Juneteenth event went well and even made the news on WRAL. There was a good diverse attendance and considering how hot the weather was, we were happy with the turnout. We may need to push the event to the evening because of the heat. Our annual July 4th event was also a huge success and very well attended. However, due to the location of the fireworks, cost of the fireworks and security concerns, the future of the

event is unclear. The event may begin to look different in the next couple of years. A few of the upcoming special events include Music at Mill Bridge, Movies at the Middle and Fall FunFest.

- iv. Parks & Facilities – We are seeking a firm to redesign the multipurpose center at the Farm. The goal is to break ground on construction next year. Vice Chair Campbell asked if construction can be done in stages so some of the center can be utilized prior to completion of the entire site. We are also looking into partnering with various organizations to help pay for the lights on the fields. We've hired a company to work on a new Greenway map. We are also hiring a company to install 18 new Greenway signs and the cost will be about \$25k. The grant for Main Street Park is still under environmental review and we hope to start this work in the Fall.

- b. Tree Board Candidates – The Board of Commissioners approved 5 members submitted to them by staff. Vice Chair Campbell was very impressed with the candidates and interested in potentially increasing the number of candidates to 6. The committee will be meeting quarterly during the workday and Dr. Al-Hoory will be the PARAB liaison.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 625 Averette Road – Asked members for a motion to request land in the back corner for a park. Vice Chair Campbell asked for a motion. Member Armant made a motion, member Gauger seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 4 members voting aye.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **(Note, this happened at the beginning of the meeting)** – Dr. Al-Hoory emailed Nara earlier in the month with 2 concerns he wanted addressed in his absence. The first was finding a high school member as soon as possible, which has been done. The second was the appropriate amount of time for notifying staff and the rest of PARAB of one's intent to attend the meeting. The Board decided that it is assumed everyone will attend UNLESS they notify staff otherwise, which should be done ideally a few days before the meeting.
- b. Commissioners Sneed and Alston are up for re-election and will be running again. Commissioner Vilga will not be seeking re-election. Jenn Bernat, the owner of Local Charm, will be running for this seat.

6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Vice Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.