



**Minutes**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
**August 28, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Frank Eagles Meeting Room Town Hall**

**PRESENT:**

Mr. Kevin Mazur, Chair	Ms. Judy Siwy, Member
Mr. Richard Armant, Member	Commissioner Paul Vilga
Mr. Clay Campbell, Member	June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director
Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member	Eddie Henderson, Project & Facilities Coordinator
Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member	Brett Garrett, Athletic Program Coordinator
Dr. Mothanna Al-Hoory, Vice Chair	Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation Administrative Support Specialist

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mazur called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. **APPROVAL of June 26, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2024, was carried with a unanimous vote, 7 voted aye, 0 voted nay

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Staff Reports:**

- i. Athletics – Participation numbers for Fall sports was reviewed. There are a total of 623 participants. Looking to bring back All Stars next Spring to increase participation numbers. Brett was introduced to the board and discussed his background.
- ii. Cultural Programming – Tina is beginning to get larger participation numbers in the Zumba, Line Dancing and Arts & Crafts classes. The Summer Camp program was a huge success and full every week. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Golden Years Expo event was also a huge success. The total number of participants was 53 with 25 of those being from Rolesville. The event will likely need to be moved next year. Major Currin and Commissioner Paul were in attendance and spoke to the crowd. June is working with Rolesville Baptist Church on using their space for pickleball courts.
- iii. Special Events – Another successful Blood Drive was held on July 12, 2024. Music at Mill Bridge was also successful throughout the summer. Looking into holding the event once a month rather twice a month to secure a better and more experienced band. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July event was a smash with over 10k people attending. Will likely have to move the event in the next several years to accommodate the growth.
- iv. Parks & Facilities – Eddie explained that renovations at Main Street Park restrooms are now complete. A step stool was installed on the left side sink in the women's room to give children easier accessibility to the sink. The sink on the right does not have a stool so it can be ADA compliant. New LED lights were installed in the parking lot at Redford Place Park. Working with Public Works to renovate both the outfield and infield at Redford with a new piece of equipment as well as purchase an aerator. Public Works is now fully staffed with full time staff. Cardinal Civil Contracting won the bid for the construction on the road for the Farm. Work is expected to begin within the next few weeks. Bids for the Granite Acres bridge and greenway will begin late Winter

or early Spring.

b. **Rolesville Tree Board:**

June reviewed the guidelines suggested to compose the subcommittee. The guidelines do state that a member can be an individual with a vested interest in the community's environmental well-being. However, Dr. Al-Hoory feels strongly all members should be comprised of Rolesville residents only. June explained that wording will allow the subcommittee to have more options. If an arborist wanted to join the committee, but wasn't a Rolesville resident, the subcommittee may lose out on an invaluable asset. June asked the members to review this document for the next meeting and be prepared to vote on it then.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Merrit Property:**

Eddie summarized this project to the board, which involves a 500+ unit age restricted community. Still trying to work with the developer on where the greenways would be. There is no land set aside South of 401 where a park could be built. The P&R department is asking the board whether they think it's a good idea to ask the developer for land for a park. Dr. Al-Hoory feels a park in this community could cause a problem for the residents. With Rolesville High School across the street, the students may begin hanging out in the park. Ms. Siwy made a motion to ask the developer to add a park and Mr. Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. **Recreational Trails Program Grant:**

Three companies are interested in submitting a bid on the Granite Acres Greenway Connection project. Parks and Recreation staff would like to apply for the Recreational Trails Program Grant, which awards up to \$100k in matching funds. June and Eddie wanted to inform PARAB of what they would like to apply for and see if any of the board members had questions. Mr. Campbell made a motion to support staff applying for this grant for this greenway project. Mr. Armant 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Funds for the Main Street Park earmark have finally been received and staff are actively planning on how to implement all of these improvements. Rolesville received the Parks Accessibility grant for the amphitheater project at Mill Bridge Nature Park. The unveiling of the Historical Marker for George Taylor will occur on Saturday, September 7, 2024. Dr. Al-Hoory feels strongly that the members of the board do not interact on a more personal level with each other. He feels the members should spend time outside of the monthly PARAB meetings getting to know each other. Whether they meet up every few months outside of the Town Hall or arrive early to the PARAB meetings to have coffee and talk. He thinks the board can do a better job on this.

6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Chair Mazur adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.