



**Minutes**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
**October 23, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Frank Eagles Meeting Room - Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Kevin Mazur, Chair  
Mr. Clay Campbell, Member  
Dr. Mothanna Al-Hoory, Member  
Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member  
Mr. Richard Armant, Member  
Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member  
Commissioner Paul Vilga  
June Greene, Parks & Recreation Director  
Eddie Henderson, Parks Superintendent

**ABSENT:** Ms. Judy Siwy, Member, Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation Administrative Support Specialist

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL of September 25, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2024, meeting was carried with a unanimous vote, 5 voted aye, 0 voted nay.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Staff Reports:**

- i. Athletics – Due to the amount of rain we received, fall youth sports will be finishing up both this week and next. Basketball evaluations will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be 6 teams per age group, except for the 8U Co-Ed and 10U boys leagues. Those leagues will have 8 teams due to high demand. Mark will be meeting with both the towns of Wendell and Zebulon to discuss playing games with the older age group leagues. The basketball All-Star Game will be held in Vance County.
- ii. Cultural Programming – We didn't have any seniors sign up for the NC State Fair outing. Currently have 8 signed up for the casino trip on December 19, 2024. Staff will rent a van if we end up getting more than 8 seniors. Holding a cornhole event on November 13<sup>th</sup> after Bingo. Working on getting seniors more interested in the Wake County senior games. A goal of June's is to host senior games here at some point.
- iii. Special Events – Fall FunFest will be held October 26, 2024. Aaron will be assisting with a photo booth as well as serving as DJ. This year we sold out of our street vendors spots and will have over 130 vendors. The Town will also provide inflatables, bubbles and a costume contest. We have partnered with a local veteran's group to hold a veteran's expo which will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will host a lunch and social on November 11<sup>th</sup> through our Veteran's Day program. June and Eddie addressed multiple questions about the Joel Fund and their future site. Our Tree Lighting event will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Redford Park. We have a beautiful new 14 ft panel tree. We will also have a fake snow machine, trackless train, music, photo booth, hot chocolate, food trucks, and a reading of The Night Before Christmas by Mayor

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- iv. **Parks & Facilities** – Eddie showed drone footage of The Farm, spoke about updates and answered additional questions. Had a discussion of some trees that may need to be cut down at the Farm to fit everything we have planned there.

b. **Rolesville Tree Board:**

June read, discussed and explained the questions on the application. Dr. Al-Hoory feels strongly the first question should be more specific about the education and experience requirements. Discussed some of the verbiage used on the application and agreed to change some of the terms. Candidates for the tree board will be passed out at next month's meeting for PARAB to review and set up interviews.

c. **Merritt:**

Dr. Al-Hoory brought up his prior concerns again about the proximity of the park to high school and students skipping class to hang out at the park. Lukas wanted to make clear that adolescents will skip school no matter what facilities or parks are around. The potential issue with noise from pickleball courts was also discussed and Eddie explained that the Town plans to leave as much woods as possible to serve as a sound barrier.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **2025 Meeting Schedule** – table for next meeting, since we forgot to include in the agenda packet
- b. **The Farm Names** – Discussed how the property got its name. June would like to open up the naming of the park to the public for about 1 week. He believes this will peak and increase interest from the residents. We will put out a survey in the weekly email blast and post on Facebook asking residents to pick and share their ideas on a name of the park. The department will gather a list of the most interesting names and narrow them down to 3-5 to present to the board. PARAB will then vote on the name they would like to officially recommend to the board.
- c. **Sanford Creek Sewer Project** – Eddie explained both the pros and cons of the project. The biggest pro being a repaved greenway and sewer connection for a future bathroom facility.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **PARAB Terms** – Both Chair Mazur and Dr. Al-Hoory have their terms ending in December. Discussion as to whether or not Chair Mazur has reached his term limit. Discussion of whether or not there is a requirement to Dr. Al-Hoory's chair or if he can be reappointed.

6. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Chair Mazur adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.