



Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
December 18, 2024
7:00 PM
Frank Eagles Meeting Room - Town Hall

PRESENT: Dr. Mothanna Al-Horry, Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Armant, Member
Mr. Aaron Gauger, Member
Ms. Judy Siwy, Member
Mr. Clay Campbell, Member
Mr. Lukas Marquardt, Member
Commissioner Paul Vilga
June Green, Parks & Recreation Director
Nara Stevens, Parks & Recreation
Administrative Support Specialist

ABSENT: Mr. Kevin Mazur, Chair; Eddie Henderson, Parks Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dr. Al-Horry called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL of November 20, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2024, meeting was carried with a unanimous vote, 6 voted aye, 0 voted nay.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Staff Reports:

- i. Athletics – Basketball schedules were reviewed and games started last week. Team pictures were also taken.
- ii. Cultural Programming – Senior Trip to Danville Casino is tomorrow and we have a full van of seniors. The van will leave at 9am and return around 8pm. They will be stopping for dinner on the way home. We will also be offering various camps and classes in 2025.
- iii. Special Events – Held our last Litter Sweep of 2024 last week. Our Tree Lighting event was quite successful considering it was the 1st held in a few years. The weather was cold, but attendance was still around 500-600 people. The trackless train and fake snow machine were a big hit with the families. Our annual Holiday Ham giveaway will be this upcoming Friday. Food donations were substantially down this year, but we think it was due to the devastating weather in the Western part of the state. Our 1st annual shred event will be on January 25, 2025. A local girl scout by the name of Serena designed and built 2 ADA compliant picnic tables for Mill Bridge Nature Park as part of her Eagle project. The tables will be a nice addition to the other ADA standards planned to take place this upcoming Spring. The renovations are part a grant awarded to the town through the Accessible Parks Grant Program.
- iv. Parks & Facilities – The bid process opened for Mill Bridge Nature Park on November 10, 2024. Five bids were taken and will be reviewed. Environmental review has been completed for Federal and State grants. The Farm entrance has been paved and the strike is complete. The design of the complex needs to be drawn up which we hope to start soon. A few design ideas include having a Senior Center and afterschool drop off area. As we talk with multiple businesses for potential partnerships, we will have a better idea of the what the complex will look like.

b. **The Farm Names:**

Every member in attendance gave their top 2 favorite names. The list was narrowed down to names that included "Rolesville" in them and members voted for their favorite one. The final name agreed on was "Rolesville Farmstead Park" and will be presented at next month's big board meeting.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. **Departmental News:**

The P&R department had their Christmas luncheon with the Public Works and Human Resources departments at Strike & Barrel. The town also had their annual fellowship luncheon earlier today.

5. **ADJOURN**

No further business needing to be discussed, Vice Chair Al-Horry adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.