



**OAK RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 18, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
(Held electronically via the Zoom platform)**

MINUTES

Members Present

John Browning, Co-Chair
John Garrett, Co-Chair
Phyllis Anders
Kyle Anders
Mike Kimel, Alternate (sitting)
Maureena Shepherd, Alternate (sitting)
Brady Young

Staff Present

Terry Lannon, Parks & Recreation Director
Ashley Royal, Deputy Clerk

Members Absent

Kelly Riddle, ORYA Representative
Tracy Street

CJ Annunziato, Teen Advisor

Note: This meeting was conducted remotely under N. C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.24 by use of simultaneous communication using the Zoom online platform and in which Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members participated by simultaneous communication. Board members joined and participated in the entire meeting, unless otherwise noted.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair John Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Kyle Anders made a motion to approve the agenda. John Browning seconded the motion, and the agenda was passed unanimously (7-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Brady Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 regular meeting. Mike Kimel seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously (7-0).

4. STAFF REPORT

Parks & Recreation Director Terry Lannon made the following updates to the Board:

- Lannon presented the financial report which is hereby made by reference and apart of the minutes.

5. **ORYA REPORT**

Since Kelly Riddle was not at the meeting, there was no ORYA report.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Special Events Committee Update (Patti Dmushowski).**

B. **Consideration/Approval of East Forsyth High School's Senior Date Auction on May 21, 2021 at the amphitheater (Jennifer Cresimore).** Cresimore asked the Board's permission to hold their Senior Date Auction at the amphitheater on Friday, May 21, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. She also requested that the amphitheater rental fee be waived for this event.

Brady Young made a motion to approve the East Forsyth High School's Senior Date Auction on May 21, 2021, at the amphitheater, to waive the amphitheater rental fee, to require a \$75.00 refundable deposit and \$30.00 for staff related costs. Maureena Shepherd seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

C. **Discussion of Motion of Support for the Whitaker Property PARTF Grant Project (Terry Lannon).** Lannon asked the Board to consider making a motion to indicate support for the Whitaker Property PARTF grant application.

Kyle Anders made a motion to approve the current Master Plan for the Whitaker Property and support for the Town's PARTF grant application. Mike Kimel seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Update on Whitaker Property signage installation (Terry Lannon).** Lannon said that the signage on the Whitaker Property is now complete.

B. **Update on Redmon House restoration (Phyllis Anders).** Since the subcommittee has not met yet, there was no update.

C. **Discussion regarding the charge from Town Council to name the new Park property.** A lengthy conversation ensued regarding the 54 park name suggestions that were submitted by residents and community groups. Board members ranked the names and voted on the top four names to be included in a survey to be shared on Facebook beginning on Friday, March 19, 2021 until Friday, March 26, 2021. The Board also requested that a write-in option be available on the survey. The Board will meet in a special called meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 7 pm. via the Zoom platform to review the survey results.

D. **Update on 2021 Music in the Park series (Phyllis Anders)** Anders said that the first concert would be on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. A conversation ensued regarding what food options should be sold at the event. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Board agreed by consensus to not use the concession stand, to not cook food to sell and

to only sell prepackaged food. The Board asked Royal to gather information regarding ordering prepackaged sandwiches from Chick-fil-A for the event.

- E. Selection of P&R Advisory Board representative to serve as a liaison on Special Events Committee.** Garrett requested that this agenda item be delayed and placed on the April agenda for discussion.

8. OTHER DISCUSSIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Whitaker Property Open House	March 22, 2021 (4-6p.m.)
Special Called meeting:	March 30, 2021
Next regular meeting:	April 15, 2021
Music in the Park:	April 10, 2021

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

John Browning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Phyllis Anders seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).