



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

MINUTES

Members Present

John Browning, Co-Chair (in person)
John Garrett, Co-Chair (in person)
Phyllis Anders (in person)
Kyle Anders (in person)
Adrian Eckenrod, alternate (not sitting, in person)
Mike Kimel, alternate (not sitting, in person)
Kelly Riddle (in person)
Maureena Shepherd, alternate (sitting, via Zoom)
Brady Young (via Zoom)

Staff Present

Ashley Royal, Deputy Clerk (in person)
Terry Lannon (in person)

Selby Chipman, Teen Advisor (via Zoom)

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 Browning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Browning introduced new alternate member, Adrian Eckenrod, to the Board.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Kelly Riddle made a motion to approve the agenda, and John Garrett seconded the motion. The amended agenda was approved unanimously (7-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Kyle Anders made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021, regular meeting. Kelly Riddle seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously (7-0).

4. STAFF REPORT

Lannon presented the financial report which is hereby incorporated into the record and made a part of the minutes.

Lannon said that a lighted sign for Heritage Farm Park would be installed soon.

Lannon provided the Board with an update on the Heritage Farm Park well. He said that a geologist had been hired and chose three potential locations to drill for water. Lannon said that a well driller would be working on a location off of Scoggins Road soon.

The Board agreed by consensus to allow Oak Ridge Youth Association to collect fees from the Park entrances the weekend of November 20-21, 2021.

Lannon reported that the Park was now fully staffed.

5. ORYA REPORT

Kelly Riddle reported that ORYA was wrapping up its fall sport seasons. She said that ORYA would be partnering with Oak Ridge Military Academy for their upcoming basketball season. Riddle said that ORYA's e-Sports teams would be continuing into the winter season.

The Board agreed by consensus to approve two Town of Oak Ridge sponsorship signs to be placed at Oak Ridge Town Park.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration/Approval of Piedmont Forest School Update/Extension Request (Cole Kampen). Cole Kampen told the Board that 90 children were participating in the Piedmont Forest School at Oak Ridge Town Park. Kampen said that due to the success of the program that she would like to request that the program be extended to allow the school to offer Spring 2022 classes.

Kelly Riddle made a motion to allow the Piedmont Forest School to hold classes at Oak Ridge Town Park through 2022. Kyle Anders seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously (7-0).

B. Consideration/Approval of Spencer Stanislawchek's Eagle Scout Project. Spencer Stanislawchek presented to the Board his Gaga ball pit project which is hereby incorporated into the record and made a part of the minutes. A lengthy conversation ensued regarding the project and its possible Park locations.

The Board agreed by consensus to approve Spencer Stanislawchek's Eagle Scout Project concept with the understanding that the placement of the Gaga Ball pit was still to be determined.

C. Consideration/Approval of bike lanes at Oak Ridge Town Park (Patrick Fiorentino). John Browning told the Board that Patrick Fiorentino could not attend the meeting, however; Browning read Fiorentino's request which is hereby incorporated into the record and made a part of the minutes. The Board agreed by consensus not to add bike lanes at Oak Ridge Town Park.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Oak Ridge Youth Association 2022 Usage Agreement.

Brady Young made a motion to approve the Oak Ridge Youth Association's 2022 Usage Agreement. John Garrett seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

- B. **Update on Redmon House restoration.** Anders said that she had no update.
- C. **Update on Music in the Park series.** Anders said that she was working on scheduling bands for the 2022 series. She asked the Board to consider raising the band payment from \$250.00 to \$500.00. Lannon said that she suggested raising the band payment and stop asking the attendees for donations.

Brady Young made a motion to increase the band payment to \$500.00 for the 2022 Music in the Park series. Kelly Riddle seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

The Board asked that a subcommittee be created to focus on a possible Sponsorship Program for the 2023 Music in the Park series. Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Royal, Phyllis Anders, Kelly Riddle and Maureena Shepherd agreed to be on this subcommittee.

8. OTHER DISCUSSIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Next regular meeting: December 16, 2021
Light up the Night: December 4, 2021 (Rain date Dec. 5)

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Browning said that resident Laura Peoples could not be present at the meeting, but he read her comments which are hereby incorporated into the record and made a part of the minutes. Browning said that Peoples would like to request a temporary solution for citizens wanting to play pickle ball in the parking lot at Oak Ridge Town Park. He said that Peoples knows that we have plans for tennis courts at Heritage Farm Park in the future. She would like to ask permission to rope off a portion of one of the parking lots during the day until the courts are built. Peoples said that people could bring their own portable nets or park workers could put out nets.

Lannon had questions about the days and times that people would play and the work that it would take for Park employees to rope off parking spaces. Browning said that he would follow up with Peoples to find out additional information.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Kelly Riddle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Kyle Anders seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

