



OAK RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2022 - 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
Kelly Riddle
Maureena Shepherd, alternate (not sitting)
Brady Young
Chelsea Young, alternate (not sitting)

Staff Present

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

Members Absent

Adrian Eckenrod, alternate
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 Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

John Garrett suggested amending the agenda by moving Old Business item A & B to before New Business item C and adding an Update on Temporary Usage for Pickle Ball and an Update on Heritage Farm Park PARTF Grant to Old Business.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

John Browning made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021, regular meeting. Mike Kimel 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 provided a Heritage Farm Park well update to the Board.

Lannon announced to the Board that the Park was currently accepting applications for a part-time night custodian position.

Lannon shared with the Board the 2022 Tournament Schedule and the 2022 Park Event Calendar

5. ORYA REPORT

Monica Rashkov, a member of Teen Leadership Team, presented a request to host a 5K at the Park on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 9 a.m.

Kelly Riddle made a motion to approve the Teen Leadership Team sponsored 5K at the Park on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 9 a.m. Brady Young seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

Kelly Riddle reported that ORYA that the basketball season was active at Oak Ridge Military Academy's gym. She said that Randy Collins had been named as the New Community Director and that the next ORYA Board meeting would be held on January 24, 2022.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of chair and vice chair.

Kelly Riddle made a motion to nominate John Browning and John Garrett to serve as co-chairs for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for 2022. After hearing no other nominations, the motion was passed unanimously (7-0).

B. Presentation of proposed WiFi Installation Process at the Oak Ridge Town Park. (Mayor Pro Tem Jim Kinneman). Kinneman presented to the Board an update on the proposed WiFi installation at Oak Ridge Town Park.

C. Update on Spencer Stanislachek's Eagle Scout Project. Spencer was not present at the meeting.

D. Update on chess/checkers tables and sidewalk games at Oak Ridge Town Park or Heritage Farm Park. The Board agreed by consensus to ask McGill Associates to incorporate these design elements into their plans for Heritage Farm Park.

E. Updates to Capital Improvement Plan Priority List (Terry Lannon). The Board made updates to the CIP priority list which is hereby incorporated into the record and made a part of the minutes.

Brady Young made a motion to approve the Board's updated Capital Improvement Plan and to submit it to Town Council for consideration. Phyllis Anders seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

- F. Consideration/Approval of adding gates to the parking lots at the Park (Terry Lannon).** Lannon asked Board members to consider adding gates to the Park entrances during hours when the Park is closed in order to prevent mischievous conduct. A lengthy conversation ensued regarding the pros and cons of adding gates to the Park entrances.

Kelly Riddle made a motion to approve the concept of adding gates to Park entrances while the Park was closed. John Browning seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Redmon House restoration.** Anders reported that the subcommittee had met recently to review the construction drawings that were done by Hill Studio for the Redmon House restoration. She said that the cost estimate for the restoration was \$438,196. Anders said that Town Council would discuss the proposed project at their upcoming Capital Improvement Plan workshop on February 9, 2022.
- B. Update on Music in the Park series.** The Board agreed by consensus to stop collecting donations from attendees at future Music in the Park events but will allow bands to collect donations directly.
- C. Update on Temporary Usage for Pickle Ball at Oak Ridge Town Park.** Lannon reported that no one had been in contact with him regarding playing pickle ball at Oak Ridge Town Park.
- D. Update on Heritage Farm Park PARTF Grant.** Lannon reported that the Town had received a matching PARTF grant in the amount of \$490,000 for the development of Heritage Farm Park.

8. OTHER DISCUSSIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Next regular meeting: February 17, 2022

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Kelly Riddle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Phyllis Anders seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (7-0).

