



**OAK RIDGE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
(Held in person & electronically via the Zoom platform)**

MINUTES

Members Present

John Browning, Co-Chair
John Garrett, Co-Chair
Phyllis Anders
Randy Collins, alternate (not sitting)
Adrian Eckenrod
Mike Kimel
Kelly Riddle, arrived at 7:02 p.m.
Chelsea Young, alternate (not sitting)

Staff Present

Terry Lannon, Parks & Recreation Director

Members Absent

Kyle Anders
Phyllis Clodfelter, alternate

Reese Bell, 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 Browning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

John Browning made a request to amend the agenda by moving the Public Comments section to after the ORYA Report.

Adrian Eckenrod made a motion to approve the amended agenda, and Mike Kimel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mike Kimel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022, regular meeting, and Adrian Eckenrod seconded. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

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 Oak Ridge Town Park fields would reopen on February 20, 2023.
- Lannon said that four fields would be laser graded this year after the ORYA soccer camp ended in June 2023.

- Lannon announced that a Tree Board had been established and that he would be the staff liaison for the group.
- Lannon said that he was currently interviewing for a vacant PT position.

5. ORYA REPORT

Kelly Riddle reported that the ORYA basketball season was currently underway with 412 participants. She said that ORYA had just launched a new website. Additional programs that will be opening soon included lacrosse, soccer, softball, and baseball. Riddle said that rugby would be offered for U12 and U14. Lastly, she said that new volunteers had taken on new board positions recently.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ezra Moen, 3511 Cardinal Ridge Drive in Greensboro, recommended that the back lot of Oak Ridge Town Park be considered for a disc golf course. He presented a petition signed by people who are interested in disc golf from the Oak Ridge area.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of chair and vice chair.

Kelly Riddle made a motion to nominate John Browning and John Garrett to be co-chairs of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and Phyllis Anders seconded. The motion was passed unanimously (6-0).

B. Discussion/Consideration of PACU Foundation Color Run (Megan Brooks).

Megan Brooks presented the color run project event on a Saturday to be held in the spring of 2023 from 9 a.m. – noon at Oak Ridge Town Park.

John Browning made a motion to approve the PACU Foundation Color Run to be held at Oak Ridge Town Park on a Saturday in April of 2023, and Kelly Riddle seconded. The motion was passed unanimously (6-0).

B. Discussion/Consideration of Hannah's Haven 5K/10K (Tiffany Nettles).

Tiffany Nettles presented a 5K/10K run at Oak Ride Town Park to support Hannah's Haven on Saturday, May 20, 2023. She said that their course would potentially include a road closure or a road crossing.

Lannon said that they would need to contact the Department of Transportation to close a road and/or the Guilford County Sheriff's Department to cross a road.

Garrett suggested that a course at Heritage Farm Park be considered depending on when construction begins there.

Adrian Eckenrod made a motion to approve a 5K/10K run at Oak Ridge Town Park to support Hannah's Haven on the morning of Saturday, May 20, 2023, to waive the shelter rental fee for Shelter #2 and pending coordinating a course selection with Parks & Recreation Director Terry Lannon. Mike Kimel seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously (6-0).

C. Discussion/Consideration of 2023 events at Oak Ridge Town Park hosted by the Special Events Committee (Patti Dmuchowski).

Dmuchowski reviewed the Special Events Committee's 2023 Calendar of Events with the Board. She said that the new event for this year was the 4th of July parade for children scheduled for Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in the morning.

John Browning made a motion to approve the Special Events Committee's 2023 Calendar of Events, and Kelly Riddle seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. (6-0).

E. Updates to Capital Improvements Plan Priority List (Terry Lannon).

Lannon instructed the Board to review and update their prioritization list for Town Council to review at their Capital Improvement Plan meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. He reminded the Board that their recommendations would assist Council when they schedule the spending for major projects over the next five years. A lengthy conversation ensued as the Board created their priority list which is hereby incorporated into the record and made a part of the minutes.

Reese Bell left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Farmhouse Community Center.** Phyllis Anders reported that final changes to the construction and bid package would be ready by the end of January. She said that once the bid was advertised that bids would be due in two weeks.
- B. Update on 2023 Music in the Park series.** Lannon said that all the community bands had been assigned, but that the sponsorship program needed to be built. Randy Collins agreed to assist with the sponsorship program along with Adrian Eckenrod.

9. OTHER DISCUSSIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Next regular meeting: February 16, 2023

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Kelly Riddle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m., and John Browning seconded. The motion was passed unanimously (6-0).

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Royal
Deputy Clerk

John Browning
Co-Chair