



**Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, January 25, 2016  
6:00 pm  
Harrisburg Town Hall**

**Members Present**

Marcus King, Chair  
Linda Thurman, Secretary  
Van Jaynes  
Mike Gallagher  
Bob Yates  
Jensen Caudle

**Others Present**

Eric Smallwood, Director  
Shawn Marble, Assistant Director  
Ron Smith, Liaison, Town Council  
Josh Watkins, Planning and Zoning

Member absent- Antonio Porretta, Co-Chair

Marcus King called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

I. **Consent Agenda:**

Approval of minutes from November 23, 2015 meeting. Van Jaynes made the motion to approve the minutes, Mike Gallagher second the motion. The motion 4-0 passed.

- a. Eric welcome the new Liaison from Town Council, Mr. Ron Smith.
- b. Eric discussed changes with the agenda.

II. **Special Presentations:** (Eric reported)

- a. New Advisory Board applicants
  - i. Two applicants were introduced the board, one applicant, Jason Marshall, was present to talk about his interest for the board. Jensen Caudle knew the second applicant, Gray Riley and spoke about his relationship with him and how involved he is in Harrisburg.
  - ii. Bob Yates and Jensen Caudle both stated they are not reapplying for another 2 year appointment. Antonio Porretta did inform Eric Smallwood earlier that he is not seeking a reappointment. This creates three open seats.
  - iii. Van Jaynes made the motion to recommend Gray Riley to serve on the Parks and Rec. advisory board, Jensen Caudle second the motion, motion passed to 5-0.
  - iv. Mike Gallagher made the motion to recommend Jason Marshall to serve on the Parks and Rec advisory board, Van Jaynes second the motion, the motion passed 5-0.
  - v. Van Jaynes made the motion to reappoint Linda Thurman to the Parks and Rec. advisory board, Mike Gallagher second the motion, the motion passed 4-0 (Linda Thurman did recuse from voting).

- vi. All motions regarding all three applicants will be presented to the Town Council at the February meeting.

III. **Old Business:** (Eric reported)

- a. Youth Sports Jersey update
  - i. Councilman Isaacs recommended Harrisburg Youth Athletics (HYA for short) but the logo will still be on the jersey. (The Parks and Rec. name was removed from jersey).
- b. July 4<sup>th</sup> Changes
  - i. Met with first responders and vendor feedback; changes need to be made with vendor location. Vendors will be on the road, road will be blocked. They will have more room, parking will be close by for unloading and loading and are in a high traffic location. No vehicle traffic in the park for safety reasons. Parking on Z-Max allows for parking. No shuttle service will be offered, very low ridership and high cost for rental.
  - ii. Linda Thurman made the motion to approve the recommendations as made by the Director, Eric Smallwood, Mike Gallagher second the motion, motion passed 5-0.

IV. **New Business:**

- a. 2016 Goals and Objectives (Eric moderated session)
  - i. Eric wants to ensure the advisory board members are more involved in the planning and implementation of goals and the steps to achieve goal (s). For this year, two-three broad goals for Eric and his staff to review and create implementation plan.
  - ii. Board members and director discussed and identified seven broad goals. Combined goals as needed to increase opportunity to accomplish more activities. Top three to focus on for the 2016 year are:
    - Connecting Community to Nature
      - Nature education, programming/classes, outdoor fitness
    - Expanding the Arts
      - Public Art Program
      - Art in the Park
    - Event/Program Diversification
      - outdoor fitness
      - non-sporting classes or programs (age or hobby interest)
- b. Department Updates – Assistant Parks and Recreation Director (Shawn Marble)
  - Registration for spring sports has begun. Inclement weather has prevented several practices for several sports.
  - Working on event planning for Easter, 5K expo, 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- c. Director's Update – Parks and Recreation Director (Eric Smallwood)
  - Update: Trash cans/recycle bins are here implementation pending weather
  - Update: Corn hole courts are here (Farmer's market), implementation pending weather
  - Update: Sympathy Concert did get approved by Town Council
  - New: Pricing for greenway to run from Harrisburg Park to "Captain's Steve" restaurant (goal to get a new NC Trail grant)
  - Update: Canterfield HOA meeting; Josh Watkins attended the meeting (1-25-16), HOA extremely supportive of land being utilized for the Carolina Thread

Trail (Pharr Mill to Canterfield through the Mills to almost Flowe Stowe Road).  
A 16- county (NC and SC) initiative.

V. **Public Comment:**

Citizens are welcome to share their comments. Anyone wishing to address the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board may do so during the public comment period. Please state your name, be courteous and do not repeat what has already been said. Please keep your comments about the subject and not personal in nature.

VI. **Adjournment:**

Van Jaynes made the motion to adjoin meeting, Mike Gallagher second the motion. Motion passed 3-0\*. (Bob Yates and Jensen Caudle left the meeting early). Meeting adjointed at 8:10 pm.

Next Meeting: February 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm

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**Marcus King, Chair**

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**Linda Thurman, Secretary**