



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

Members Present

Marcus King, Chair
Linda Thurman, Secretary
Mike Gallagher
Jason Marshall
Gray Riley
Ernie Roselle

Others Present

Eric Smallwood, Director
Shawn Marble, Assistant Director
Ron Smith, Town Council Liaison

Members Absent: Van Jaynes, Vice-Chair

Marcus called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

I. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of minutes from March 28 meeting. Ernie Roselle made a motion to approve the March 28, 2016 minutes, Gray Riley second the motion, motion passed 4-0. (Mr. Marshall was not present for the vote).

II. Special Presentations:

a. Landon Bost – Recreation Center

Powerpoint Presentation: planning for new multi-purpose Recreation Center. Presentation highlighted Parks and Recreation survey results favoring the plan for such a building, details on Carolina Courts building and benefits associated with this type of building. Mr. Bost also identified potentially seven sites for building referencing the Harrisburg Area Future Land Use Map dated August 2010.

- Action: Eric Smallwood requested Parks and Rec Advisory Board to tentatively pick two potential sites for Mr. Bost can continue his planning process for his school project. Eric is working with Mr. Bost on what the process would be for planning for such a building. Board discussed pros and cons of each site.

III. Old Business:

a. Carolina Thread Trail – Canterfield (Eric Smallwood)

- Letter sent to Canterfield HOA per their request. The project is progressing and more updates in the future.

IV. New Business:

a. Department Updates – Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

- a. Youth Sports: one note registration begins May 23 for most fall sports.
- b. Adult Sports: handout was given highlighting numbers of participants.
- c. Program Additions-handout was given with details about new programs and summer camps
- d. Event Reviews: 5K event was largely attended, very successful. Rockin' the Burg: despite light rain weather, good crowd turnout, 2 musical acts, 3 food trucks and interactive art project was very popular.
- e. Event Previews: Movies in the Park series starts in the new week or two.

b. Director's Update – Parks and Recreation Director

- a. Executive Updates: handout was given to highlight projects
- b. Current Projects: Eagle Scout project- add benches and shade structure at Corn Hole Courts. Dept. is also reviewing feasibility of Monarch butterfly and honey bee habitat. Maintenance: fence damage at Pharr Mill Park (due to ATV vandalism) and the roof on Harrisburg Park restroom building will need to be replaced.
- c. Projects Planning: covered above
- d. Operation Reviews: covered above

c. Board Member Updates

- Jason Marshall: update on mountain bike trail (was damaged, trail was removed by the developer), working with Tar Heel Trail Blazers folks to help facilitate the repair. Donation to pay for trail will be provided by the Developer. Planning and Zoning Director will ensure repairs do take place in the near future. Ron Smith also provided comments about the trail repair.

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.

Ron Smith made several comments:

- Town Council is considering a Citizen's Government initiative for community members.
- Town Council continues to consider all planning needs and land usage. The first of two budget meetings did occur in April to discuss all the services and departments needs and their second budget meeting will be on Saturday 4/30 and meetings are open to the public.

VI. Adjournment

Jason Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gray Riley second the motion, motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Next Meeting: May 23, 2016

Marcus King, Chair

Linda A. Thurman, Secretary