



HarrisburgNC

PARKS & RECREATION

Advisory Board Meeting Monday, September 28, 2015 7:00pm Harrisburg Town Hall

Members Present

Marcus King, Chair
Linda Thurman, Secretary
Mike Gallagher
Bob Yates

Others Present

Eric Smallwood, Manager
Shawn Marble, Assistant Manager

Marcus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

1) Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes from July 27 meeting. Mike Gallagher made a motion to approve the July 27, 2015 minutes. Bob Yates second the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

2) Old Business: (Eric Smallwood reported)

- a. Cabarrus County Matching Incentive Grant Update:
 - The grant was approved for a permanent Corn Hole courts/boards. Implementation on schedule for December 2015.
- b. Cabarrus Arts Council Grant Update:
 - Current amount requested is \$5000 (\$1400 was received last year). A decision should be made by the Council in November but initial discussions seemed promising.
- c. Parks and Recreation Monthly Board Meeting time change discussion:
 - To better align with other boards and councils a meeting start time of 6:00 pm was recommended. Current meeting time is 7pm.
 - Marcus King made the motion to move the start time to 6 pm, every 4th Monday of the month. Bob Yates second the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
 - Eric Smallwood will put it on the consent agenda for Town Council (October meeting). Eric will then inform the public and board members, accordingly.

3) New Business:

- a. Board Member Updates
 - Marcus King: inquired about the *Orchard Project*- tree implementation. The grant up to 100 fruit bearing trees to benefit the community. However, Marcus King will look into if the project site can be divided or not, as suggested by Mike Gallagher. Eric Smallwood expressed a concern about the amount of planting space needed along with the ongoing maintenance costs.
 - Pending that information, Eric Smallwood will research several suitable locations for the Orchard Project.

- b. Department Updates – Assistant Parks and Recreation Manager (Shawn Marble)
 - I. *Bags in the Burg*: Initial date of Saturday, September 26th was rained out but Saturday, October 3rd is the new date with a back-up location in case of inclement weather. Several Corn Hole tournaments going on this day all that benefit the local community.
 - II. *Rockin' the Burg Fall Concert*: October 9, from 6-8pm. The 2015 community concert series is continuing with the third concert to be held the lawn in front of Town Hall with a performance by *Underhill Rose*, a trio of ladies. In addition local artist, Andrea Sole of Sunday Art Gallery in Concord, will be drawing pieces of artwork on a large canvas for the community to work on. A series of paintings will be completed and are scheduled to be hung in the municipal complex and all those who contributed to the paintings will be named. Food vendors along with other businesses will be in attendance.
 - III. *Trick or Treat in the Park*- Friday, October 30th from 6-9 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per child in Stallings Road Park. Many activities for children.
 - IV. *Winter Athletics Update* – Youth Basketball: Ongoing registration until October 11th.
- c. Manager's Update – Parks and Recreation Manager (Eric Smallwood)
 - I. *Park land acquisition update*: Currently reviewing the purchase more park land, considering an area that is the Parks and Recreation Board's master plan.
 - II. *Rockin' the Burg Community Concert Series 2016 changes*: Update, targeting early June for the Charlotte Symphony to perform in front of Town Hall. Cost to host such an event is approximately 20-25K. Marcus King made the motion for the board to recommend that Town Council approve adding the Charlotte Symphony to the 2016 Community Concert Series. Bob Yates second the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
 - III. *Fundraising for future arts and concert projects*: Marcus King made a motion to table this agenda item pending Town Council's decision on expanding 2016 Concert Series. Mike Gallaher second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
 - IV. Churchill Farms Greenway Update: Greenway-dead ends into private property but is approximately 1- 1¼ miles long. Implementation of project is ahead of schedule. Ownership of Greenway will be a future date due to on-going neighborhood construction.

4) 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.

5) Adjournment

Bob Yates made a motion to adjoin the meeting. Mike Gallagher second the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjoined at 8:08 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 26, 2015

Marcus King, Chair

Linda Thurman, Secretary