

# **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**October 27, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

**Harrisburg Town Hall**

**Harrisburg, NC 28075 Minutes**

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcus King      Antonio Porretta  
Linda Thurman

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Shawn Marble   Chelsea Nardozzi  
Eric Smallwood   Councilman Jeff Phillips

Marcus King called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion made by Antonio Porretta, Seconded by Linda Thurman.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mike Gallagher, applicant for board vacancy (introduction). All three members endorsed his application for admittance to the board.
- New staff member Chelsea Nardozzi (Recreation Coordinator)
- Community Orchard: Pharr Mill Park is the best location according to Eric Smallwood as the fruit there will cause less of an issue than if around the ball fields of say Stallings Park. Linda Thurman brought to our attention the concern of bees during certain times of year and the trees being near the playground.
- Horseshoe pits: Bob Yates at the past meeting mentioned a need for more to meet the National Horseshoe Competitive Pitching Association requirements. Eric noted that at this time there are not suitable places.
- 501 (c) 3 waiting on taxes to be completed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Board Member Updates
  - Antonio Porretta introduced the concept of T-shirts for end of season instead of trophies proposal
- Department Updates
  - Halloween festival was a huge success
    - Hair expressions and Brookdale Pediatric won the prizes for best decorated booths
    - Parking lot filled up at the school
  - Christmas Tree lighting will be December 5 at 6pm
  - Bubble Soccer. A member of the community would like the board's endorsement to introduce the program to the town. All members endorsed.
  - Youth Basketball registration ended 2 weeks ago and 664 signed up for the program
- Manager Updates
  - Carolina International School
    - Property is for sale
    - Masterplan calls for a community park in this area

- Marcus is drafting a concept plan, including an extension of the greenway trail from the Blume development.
- A proposed development behind the existing Harris Teeter would like to build three soccer fields and donate them to the town. No lights are proposed. There will be further discussion as the project proceeds through the regulatory process
- Master plan. For budgeting in the next fiscal year, Eric Smallwood requested that the board members each pick two or three items they would like to include for recommendation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No comments were made

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Marcus King, seconded by Antonio Porretta. Carried unanimously.

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Marcus King

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Jensen Caudle, Secretary