

# **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**October 28, 2013**

**7:00 PM**

**Harrisburg Town Hall**

**Harrisburg, NC 28075**

*Minutes*

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcus King            Chris Jones  
Jensen Caudle        Van Jaynes  
Antonio Porretta

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Shawn Marble  
Holly Duncan  
Eric Smallwood  
David Isaacs

Marcus King called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2013 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Update on the Greenway
  - The board members are still working to get the different sections of the application complete.
  - 4,062 residents within a half mile of the Greenway Trailhead.
  - A network of trails and sidewalks already exist.
  - The Greenway is also referenced in several official town documents and it is generally felt that Town Council is supportive of the project.
- Eagle Scout Projects
  - Pharr Mill Park
    - The project is complete and went very well.
    - Six shade trees have been planted and some areas have been re-graded with drainage pipes and drains installed.
  - Town Center Fitness Trail
    - Most of the planning is complete and the map is being made. A work date has been set for 11/23/2013.
  - The board would like to plan a recognition event for the Tucker brothers who led both of these projects

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Manager Update
  - There is a new state gun ordinance regarding the carrying of firearms in public parks. "Open Carry" is not allowed but "Concealed Carry" is with some exceptions including pools, athletic events. The board approved an updated ordinance to be presented to Town Council. Van Jaynes made a motion to vote on the new language regarding the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Chris Jones and the vote was approved, unanimously.
  - Thread Trail/UNCC Engineering project
    - A UNCC design class is designing the Pharr Mill and Canterfield portion of the Thread Trail.
- Events Update

- The Halloween Festival went well with total attendance estimated to be 1,500 (500 kids, 1,000 parents/adults). 10 games, 15 businesses, and several inflatables rounded out the event.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting is planned for 12/6/2013. Some community groups and craft vendors have already signed up.

Program Update

- Karate is a new program
- Athletics Update
  - Fall seasons are wrapping up and tournaments are in various stages.
  - Registration has started for Adult Flag Football.
  - Basketball registration is over with 750 signed up. This is 100 more than 2012.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No comments were made

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Antonio Porretta, seconded by Van Janes. Carried unanimously.

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Marcus King

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Jensen Caudle, Secretary