



**TOWN OF HARRISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA
HARRISBURG TOWN HALL
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**May 24, 2021
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Update

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so during the Public Comment section. Please state your name and address for the record, be courteous and do not repeat what has already been said. Please keep your comments about the subject and not personal in nature.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2021

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board Members Volunteering

B. Vacancy on Board

C. Departmental Updates

1) Parks and Recreation Director - Jim Spina

2) Assistant Parks and Recreation Director - Shawn Marble

5. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

6. COUNCIL UPDATES

7. ADJOURNMENT

Town of Harrisburg's Vision Statement

Harrisburg will be the best small town in North Carolina based on low density housing, excellent economic opportunities, a safe living environment, and efficient and effective municipal services. Amenities such as excellent recreational programs, adequate open space, attractive shopping opportunities, a diversity of restaurants, and a connected system of roadways, sidewalks, greenways, and bicycle lanes will continue to enhance the quality of life of the Town. These services and amenities will be provided while retaining reasonable tax rates and debt levels.



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Agenda Item Details

Title:

Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2021

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Minutes April 26, 2021

MINUTES

Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

4/26/2021 at 6:01p.m.Meeting called to order byLinda Thurmanvia Zoom.us

In Attendance

Carl Westine Delroy Ross Jim Spina Tim Morris
Linda Thurman Jason Marshall Shawn Marble

Council Member(s) Present: Rodney Dellinger

Planning and Zoning Members Present: Sushil Nepal

Absent: Brett Crosby and Brantlee Drake

Orchid Ridge Representative: Bridget Grant, Marty Davis, Mason Greeson

Agenda Adoption/Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to adopt agenda by Jason Marshall and seconded by Carl Westine. Motion passed unanimously.

Linda made mention Brantlee Drake should be added as absent for minutes taken on March 22, 2021. Motion for approval of modified minutes from March 22, 2021 was made by Jason Marshall and seconded by Carl Westine. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Public Comment

A. No Special Presentations

Old Business

A. Linda raised the motion to name Delroy Ross as secretary for the Parks and Rec Advisory Board. Jason approved the motion and Tim Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

New Business

A. Public Open Space Donation – Orchid Ridge

- a. 40% of space at new subdivision will be preserved as dedicated open space. Natural habitat area identified to be preserved. Land will be dedicated to the Town of Harrisburg of which upon completion, the town will maintain this area of the subdivision. Town zoning would like to accept this land and will go to town council for approval. Final vote will be held at May 10th meeting. Planning and zoning reviewed and made recommendations to accept.

- i. Advisory Board Questions

1. Some concern of residents of new subdivision becoming territorial over public space area. Sushil will recommend public space signage/designated parking space.

2. Question was raised on if town wants to continue accepting donating land due to resources it requires to maintain. Sushil mentioned land is not accepted without assessment and analysis.
3. Discussion around what makes the natural space as sensitive. Sushil explained a specific type of Orchid grows in this area that is rare and requires the habitat be preserved to continue annual growth. Also recommended by Carl Westine that we have signage and town info on what makes the area sensitive and be educational for town residents.
4. Confirmed point that developer will build and construct the space and the town will maintain once complete.
5. Planning and Zoning unanimously recommended to the Town Council that we accept the donation per Sushil.
6. MOTION: Linda makes motion to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Board and Town council that the Town accepts the public open space donation, to be used as natural area, from the Orchid Ridge Subdivision. Carl Westine seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Department Updates: Administration/Special Events/Projects & Athletics presented by Jim Spina and Shawn Marble

- a. Harrisburg Park had ribbon cutting on March 30th. Seeing high usage in the first month.
 - i. Alcohol Sales was presented to Town Council on April 20th meeting. Was approved and will be offered by local vendors for Rockin' in the Burg concert series only.
 - ii. Rockin' in the Burg registration is live. 700 registrations have been made thus far and can open more spots. Designated exit and entry points (3) where QR codes will be scanned. Beer garden will be designated location. June 12th concert is Charlotte Symphony. Volunteers needed
 - iii. Plan is to open Splash Pad on May 21st. Fee schedule is free for residents and \$3 for non-residents. 200 spots available for each time slot (3 during the day)
 - iv. Track expansion and patio area construction to begin July 5th.
 - v. July 3rd and 4th event is planned with parade on 3rd and concert on the 4th.
 - vi. Amphitheatre in Harrisburg Park is ready to be used. Reassessing the cost structure of usage of the theater to make it more affordable for smaller groups.
- b. Holcomb Woods soccer fields are complete. Landscaping around the fields will begin shortly.
- c. Pharr Mill reconstruction project is on hold. Potentially looking for alternate plan around the mill. Will tear down mill and retain the wood until a plan is determined. Hold for the development act which may provide funding for preservation. Roughly 10 acres of land
- d. Personnel – Vacancy for admin for Parks and Rec remains. Interviewing is ongoing
- e. Park and Rec is partnering with the YMCA for the 5K @ May 15th which will take place at Harrisburg Park. Volunteer opportunity for the board members
- f. Farmers market opens next Monday with hours of operation of 3pm to 6pm.

Advisory Board Updates

A. May Advisory Board Meeting

- a. Members talked about holding May's Advisory Board meeting in-person – possibly at Harrisburg Park.

B. Sustainability Board Updates

- a. Donated trees to close to 50 residents. Others were planted at local parks or donated to local schools.
- b. Trash pickup will continue in the town
- C. Multicultural Festival Update
 - a. Group held a diversity month campaign filled with content showcasing arts and info on various countries. Videos were shared via social media. Team held month long food drive and was able to drop off donations this past Saturday to the food pantry in town. Food was collected from various neighborhoods in Harrisburg.

Council Updates

- A. Councilman Dellinger Updates
 - a. Community Chat on Thursday night, April 29th – open for in person or via zoom.
 - b. Last budget meeting will be held on Wednesday night

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Linda Thurman and seconded by Jason Marshall
Passed Unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53p.m.

Next Meeting: May 25th at 6:00 p.m.in-person at Harrisburg Park. Zoom will be an option.

Chair

Secretary



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