

Winchester Parks and Recreation
Park Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, July 22nd, 2019
6:30pm

6:30 pm- Lord Fairfax Room, War Memorial Building

Present: Bill Stewart (President), and Shelly Lee, Hector Robertson, Mike Miller, and Regina Coates

Absent: Cal Allen, Casey Stine, and Andy Gail

City Staff: Lynn Miller, Matt Little, and Samantha Crisman

Media: None

Guests: La Tasha Do'zia-Earley

May 20th, 2019 Minutes Approval – A motion to approve the May 20th minutes was made by Shelly Lee and seconded by Hector Robertson; the minutes were approved.

June 24th, 2019 Minutes Approval – A motion to approve the June 24th minutes was made by Shelly Lee and seconded by Hector Robertson; the minutes were approved.

Presentation – La Tasha Do'zia-Earley, the new Executive Director for the Youth Development Center in Winchester made a presentation to the Board regarding the new programs at the YDC. These programs include, but are not limited to open gym, Summer Fest for grades 1st-9th, Adventures Beyond, and Selah Theater. They are focused on being a safe space for youth in the city and surrounding counties. The community can rent the space on the weekends for various needs. They have several new partners throughout the community including Girls on the Run, the Timbrook Achievement Center, and Lord Fairfax Community College. Ms. Do'zia-Earley is looking forward to expanding the impact the YDC can have on the community and new partnerships they can form.

Public Comments – None

President's Report – President Stewart shared newspaper clippings from the last few months about the park.

Board Members' Comments – Mike commented the lines in the parking lot needed to be repainted. Lynn informed the Board that park staff was currently asking for quotes from vendors for the job. Shelly and Bill commended the work being done at the YDC and thought the program was in good hands.

Projects and Programs Committee – None

City Manager Comments – The new fiscal year has begun!

Park Director's Report –

General -

Athletic Fields – Light Poles Replacement – Purchase Order processing

Consolidated Electric will work on Bridgeforth & Rotary first

Wilkins Lake – Aquatics Grass & Reed Control – Continuing to Research, the geese pull the reeds from the bottom of the lake and leave it floating which results in the film on the top of the lake

Aquatics –

Swim Lessons – Current Registrations are going well, there was a line down the hall a few weeks ago

Outdoor Pool –

Season Progressing – the park is receiving more compliments than ever

Christmas in July – July 25, 2019, Santa will make an appearance

Interviewing Possible Vendors for SCUBA Classes – 2 potential vendors

Maintenance –

Maintenance Facility – 2 weeks ahead of schedule

Mowing Lightened up a some – Working on other Projects

Lions Club Sensory Trail – waiting on the final design of the signs

Facilities –

Maintenance Program Continuing

Staffing Status –

Seasonal Life Guard Positions Filled – Will still consider applicants

Seasonal Positions in Process of being filled

Cellular Facility –

Geotechnical Work Completed, now waiting on engineering

Assistant Director's Report –**Potts Courts Resurfacing –**

Completed, done by Mid Atlantic Asphalt and comes with a maintenance contract

Tennis Courts Resurfacing –

Completed, done by Mid Atlantic Asphalt and comes with a maintenance contract. Matt showed pictures of before and after for both courts

Pocket Park –

S. Kent & E. Cecil Streets – almost complete, there will be a bike sharing area and historical marker describing the significance of the area

Fall Guide –

Very close to sending to the printer, August 12th distribution target

Winchester-Clarke Garden Club –

Abrams Creek Wetlands – Trimming/Cut Days - October 11 & 12

Park Clean Up Day – October 19, thank you to council members McKiernan, Clark, and Mayor Smith for attending the summer clean up day

Athletics –

Liberty 5k – Bill Stewart represented the WPR Advisory Board at the Liberty 5k on July 4. The race starts and finishes in the park. Race day activities such as registration and the awards ceremony are held in the Kiwanis II Shelter. This race donates money to the WPR Foundation. Jennifer Justice, Derrick Cowles, Leslie Bowery, and Lisa Almaraz were in attendance.

Summer Camps – last camp (Soccer) week of July 15; 240 registered in 9 camps over entire summer; 49.6% city residents

Washington Nationals Bus Trip – August 31st – Tickets \$80.00

Child Care

Summer Camp – going well; 100 per week

HIVE/HIVE – 2019-2020 school year registration ongoing, we are close to capacity at elementary schools

Community Recreation

Newcomers Program – Welcome Center, in coordination with Tourism, staff attended and reported a good outcome

Preschool programs – NEW programs! Music, Art, & Ballet in the fall

Special Events

275th City of Winchester Anniversary

Moonlight Ball – 35 tickets sold

Wilkins Lake 35th Anniversary – Recognition being planned with Mr. Wilkins; more information to come

Additional Items – None

Board Comments/Idea Sharing:

- Hector asked about the railing down in the park, Lynn said he would say something to the Park Superintendent and have the maintenance staff pick them up while out mowing
- Shelly asked about the trees that were cut by the BMX Track, Lynn explained that the trees were dead and standing and had to be removed; the park is hoping to get the stumps removed
- Bill thanked Ms. Do'zia-Earley for her presentation to the Board.

Next Monthly Park Advisory Board Meeting: Monday, August 26th, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Lord Fairfax Room at Jim Barnett Park.

Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Miller, seconded by Regina Coates, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Crisman; Secretary to the Park Advisory Board