



Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/18/24

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Parks & Recreation Administration Building
108 South Oak Street

Re: April 2024 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Present:

Michelle Davidson, P&R Chairperson
Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary
Josh Brinegar, P&R Board Member
Derek Diorio, P&R Board Member
Angie Grimm, P&R Board Member
Ray McDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation
Michael Davenport, Special Events Supervisor
Dan Dearborn, Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Margie O'Connel, Supervisor, Recreation Center
Lee Ann Jones, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Shannon Davidson, P&R Vice Chairperson [Slacker!]
Robert Crawford, P&R Board Member [and found to have resigned, so a brief moment of silence now...ok, moving on!]
Richard Noon, P&R Board Member [Now channel your Ferris Bueller memories. Noon?.... Noon?.... Noon?....]

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Roanoke Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M by Michelle.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

None. However, for the first time in a LONG time, we did have a couple of guests, no really.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration and Action to approve the minutes from the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on March 21, 2024. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Angie Grimm and seconded by Derek Diorio. Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Member Reports (maintenance items):

- a. Angie - Austin Street Plaza and City Hall & Fountain:
One bollard light at Austin Street Plaza that still needs attention.
- b. Brian – Skate Park:
Picnic table shade missing (but already on a schedule to be replaced!).
- c. Derek – Country Acres Park & Fairway Ranch Playground
Fairway vandals (mud on sign, drip lines disturbed, holes dug).
- d. Josh – Fair Play Park and Soccer Complex
Fair Play picnic table awning missing (but already replaced. That City PARD has this sitch under control!).
- e. Michelle – Howe Road Linear Park and Parks of Roanoke (big & corner parks):
All good.
- f. Brian – Cannon Parkway Park
Water ponding in southwest corner of parking lot (but PARD already has Public Works looking into it. My goodness these people are good!).

2. Staff updates on projects, programs, and events:

- a. In the latest Hollywood style PowerPoint presentation we reviewed:
 - i. Past budget items progress and completed (a ton o’ stuff).
 - ii. Future budget items anticipated (a whole lot more stuff).
 - iii. Cannon Park Splash Pad Training Session (includes a video of the Cat in the Hat fishbowl in action).
 - iv. Parks of Roanoke basketball light & playground slide replacements.
 - v. Fair Play Park new shade structure (see Josh, told ya).
 - vi. Pool restroom & entrance gate upgrades.

- vii. Oak Street roundabout (the south one) redesigned.
 - viii. Austin Street Plaza sneak peek at proposed landscaping design upgrade.
 - ix. Summer Camps (so popular, already sold out).
 - x. Senior Center Eclipse Viewing & Ice Cream Social (~50 attendees).
 - xi. Evenings on Oak Street ~250 attendees last week (including our own music video recap).
 - xii. Eggapalooza ~3,500 attendees (including a peppy highlight video).
- b. New soccer field lights anticipated tomorrow.
 - c. SH114 underpass sidewalk connectivity in the works already.
 - d. Slaughter Board making slow progress to a next step.
 - e. Ray falls on his sword for an item meant to be included on the agenda and simply distributed the qualifying PARD scholarship application essays for our individual evaluations of the top 2 to be awarded \$1000 each (cha-ching). The official action will be on next month's agenda.
 - f. Michael hoping to get some volunteers for Roanoke Roundup particularly for the afternoon of Saturday, May the forth (may the BBQ force be with you).

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Angie Grimm and seconded by Derek Diorio at 7:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Reported By:

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary