



Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/21/24

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Parks & Recreation Administration Building
108 South Oak Street

Re: March 2024 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Present:

Michelle Davidson, P&R Chairperson
Shannon Davidson, P&R Vice Chairperson
Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary
Josh Brinegar, P&R Board Member
Robert Crawford, 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
Eric Lorenz, Recreation Superintendent
Lee Ann Jones, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Richard Noon, P&R Board Member [Again! Dude, you know we talked about you.]

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Roanoke Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M by Michelle even though she failed to bring an agenda [rookie move].

We were also introduced to Lee Ann in her first starring role here in Roanoke. Welcome!

B. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration and Action to approve the minutes from the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on January 18, 2024. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Shannon Davidson and seconded by Josh Brinegar. Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks, Recreation and Special Event Fee Discussion
 - a. Eric Lorenz reviewed the proposed new rental fees.
 - b. Michael Davenport reviewed the proposed new and greatly abbreviated event fees.
2. Park Redevelopment Discussion
Exercise stations:
 - a. The 5 existing need a redo to be ADA compliant.
 - b. Options:
 - i. Replace (pricey Ninja Warrior options reviewed).
 - ii. Remove (Shannon volunteers to be part of demolition crew).
 - iii. Something different – other improvements (like a climbing wall).
3. Park Foundation Discussion
 - a. The current Slaughter board is a failure.
 - b. There is a budget for a use feasibility study waiting to be used.
 - c. Brian volunteered (sucker, chump) to explore our options with the City Attorney and City Manager.
4. Board Member Reports (maintenance items):
 - a. Angie - Austin Street Plaza and City Hall & Fountain:
 - i. There is a Plaza ground light that needs to be replaced.
 - ii. Ray mentioned that the Fountain is scheduled to back to full functionality with a brand-new chemical monitoring with auto shut down feature if any 3 eyed fish are found.
 - b. Brian – Skate Park:
 - i. All good and enjoying seeing the Dr. Suess like water features being built for the new Cannon splash pad.
 - c. Derek – Country Acres Park & Fairway Ranch Playground
 - i. Country Acres has a bent bike rack.
 - ii. Fairway picnic tables have an artificial swamp.
 - d. Josh – Fair Play Park and Soccer Complex
 - i. Enjoying all the new toys being installed.
 - ii. Noted the nearby lift station improvements and their potential impact.
 - e. Michelle – Howe Road Linear Park and Parks of Roanoke (big & corner parks):
 - i. All good.
 - f. Robert – Cannon Parkway Park

- i. Noted the nearby push button street crossing light is not working. (Public Works to be called to the rescue).
 - g. Shannon – Roanoke Community Park
 - i. The ducks are back!
 - ii. Noticed the new scary trash cans (that's a weird phobia).
- 5. Staff reports and updates:
 - a. At this point (7:30pm), Josh abruptly abandons the meeting with some excuse about a daughter and a volleyball game or something like that. Jeez!
 - b. The latest Hollywood style PowerPoint presentation with eye candy photos and the latest stats highlighting:
 - i. Cannon Park Splash Pad and new trash cans and pump house.
 - ii. Cannon Park new tennis court fencing and lights.
 - iii. New park signs installed in all parks (go get a selfie with one of them).
 - iv. Tree care.
 - v. Fair Play Park playground borders (preventing the mass migration of the safety chips washing away).
 - vi. Community Pool new fencing.
 - vii. Pool building and pump house repainted.
 - viii. Fair Play soccer field new poles & netting.
 - ix. Fairway Ranch new shade covers.
 - x. Community Park new batting cage & turf & dirt work & fence.
 - xi. Ballfield repainted foul poles.
 - xii. New solar lights at Community Park, Fair Play Park, & Country Acres Park.
 - xiii. Cannon Park new volleyball court lights.
 - xiv. Soccer Complex LED lighting upgrades & new shade structures.
 - xv. Fitness Court new shade structure.
 - xvi. Community Park restroom upgrades.
 - xvii. Austin Street pavilion new paint & stain.
 - xviii. Oak Street landscaping improvements.
 - xix. The fish delivery for the 3/2/24 Fishing in the Park event.
 - xx. And a LONG list of other accomplishments throughout the City.
 - xxi. Kids Summer Camp
 - 1. Ray teased that a new Department specific logo is forthcoming and promised some fancy swag for everyone.
 - xxii. Recreation Department Activity Report – lots of busy stuff
 - c. Mike discussed this weekend's latest edition of EGGAPALOOZA (yes, say it in your head very loudly and with an echo effect) this Saturday (be there!) from noon to 3.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Shannon Davidson and seconded by Angie Grimm at 7:41pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Reported By:

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary