



Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/23/23

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Roanoke Recreation Center

Re: March 2023 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Present:

Josh Brinegar, P&R Vice Chairperson
Robert Crawford, P&R Chairperson
Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary
Michelle Davidson, P&R Board Member
Shannon Davidson, P&R Board Member
Angie Grimm, P&R Board Member
Richard Noon, P&R Board Member (minus 7 minutes – you were late, dude)
Ray McDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation
Eric Lorenz, Recreation Superintendent
Robert Partridge, Parks Superintendent
Collin Knight, Special Events Coordinator
(we had a FULL house of people this evening)

Absent:

None.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Roanoke Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order PRECISELY at 6:30 P.M.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Consideration and Action to approve minutes from June 27, 2022 meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Angie Grimm and seconded by Shannon Davidson. Motion carried unanimously.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introduction of new staff members.

- a. Ray McDonald introduced himself and expounded upon his long and storied history in the parks and also in the recreation fields in other municipalities where his legends are still told to this day. This has been his one and only career since high school and he is ready to unleash his talents now here in Roanoke with a wish list already in the works.

2. Staff updates on projects and programs.

- a. Eric Lorenz:

- i. Discussed the City's recent past events and how amazingly successful they continue to be.
- ii. Bragged on the many and varied Recreation City classes that are full and busy.
- iii. Gave a preview of the potential of an outdoor pickle ball court option being explored to supplement our current indoor uses.
- iv. Reviewed the offerings of our Senior Center for the 50+ year old gatherings. Of note at this point Shannon was aghast (insert jaw drop facial expression here) as her next upcoming birthday will make her part of the gang. Additionally, Angie was feeling her bones being reminded that she was already a member.
- v. Bragged on the multitude of people and teams in the menagerie of recreation sport leagues offered.
- vi. Boasted on new cardio equipment and how we monitor and maintain top notch toys to sweat on.
- vii. Accepting applications for any 15 year or older for this summer's City Pool staff.

- b. Robert Partridge chitchatted about the projects in the works:

- i. Fair Play Park new playground shade structure and turf field change.
- ii. Downtown flower bed refresh about being decimated from the recent February freeze.
- iii. Country Acres Park improvements.
- iv. New soccer field perimeter fence installed.

- v. Park signage updates.
 - vi. New exercise pad at the south end of soccer complex.
 - vii. Collecting bids for future Park upgrades for a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (which must include splash pad renovations).
 - viii. Starting staff park inspection certifications.
- c. Collin Knight reviewed the all of the upcoming Roanoke Events and planned associated activities for each that are only more spectacular than before. (There was a HUGE list and multipage handout that I am in no way going to even attempt to repeat herein, so go to the website and just be amazed there by everything you find).
 - d. It was noted that the Parks and Recreation Scholarship application is out there and we already have 2 applications.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Angie Grimm and seconded by Michelle Davidson at 7:39pm.
Motion carried unanimously.

Reported By:

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary