



Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/21/23

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Roanoke Recreation Center

Re: September 2023 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Present:

Robert Crawford, P&R Chairperson
Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary
Michelle Davidson, P&R Board Member (arrived early to exercise too, be impressed)
Shannon Davidson, P&R Board Member
Derek Diorio, P&R Board Member (the new guy, hazing to begin...now!)
Angie Grimm, P&R Board Member
Richard Noon, P&R Board Member
Ray McDonald, Director of Parks & Recreation
Michael Davenport, Special Events Supervisor
Dan Dearborn, Parks Maintenance Superintendent

Absent:

Josh Brinegar, P&R Vice Chairperson

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

Derek introduced himself and gave a brief history of his life and its incredible impact that we would now have the privilege of enjoying with his generous time with us and on and on...[snore!].

B. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Consideration and Action to approve the minutes from the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on August 17, 2023.

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

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Member Reports (maintenance items):
 - a. Robert – Cannon Parkway Park:
 - i. Peeling signage (Ray mentioned we are already getting quotes for park signage replacement city wide).
 - ii. Drainage standing water in the parking lot.
 - iii. Pavilion concrete pad fire “stain” (This one from Derek, stepping up and contributing already, we’re going to have to lighten up on the bad rumor spreading now).
 - b. Shannon – Roanoke Community Park
 - i. Scum in the pond (damn you Mother Nature).
 - ii. Ray mentioned some forthcoming improvements including a new & upgraded pond foundation (with lights, ooh, aah), playground canopy, and trail lighting.
 - c. Brian – Skate park:
 - i. One stubborn flickering trail light that needs attention.
 - d. Michelle - Linear Park & Parks of Roanoke:
 - i. All good.
 - e. Angie - Austin Street Plaza and City Hall Fountain:
 - i. Some City Hall Fountain lights need attention.
 - f. Derek - TBD
 - g. Richard – Corner Park
 - i. A canopy would be nice (Ray mentioned this would probably occur after ADA improvements are in place).
2. Staff updates on projects, programs and events:
 - a. Ray provided another great handout with stats and eye candy photos highlighting:
 - i. A table summary of class participation usage of the various programs.
 - ii. Summer aquatics report.
 - iii. Park reports for August of general maintenance items completed.
 - iv. Proposed Community Park pond fountain (more ooh, aah).
 - v. Proposed Community Park new LED trail lighting.
 - vi. Proposed Fairplay Park new LED trail lighting.
 - vii. Proposed Soccer Complex new shade canopies.
 - viii. Proposed Fitness Court new shade canopies.
 - ix. Proposed Cannon Park new splash pad complete replacement.
 - x. Pool Repairs of all shapes and sizes.

- xi. Fitness Court equipment repair (fear the Hulk strength of our Police Department).
 - xii. County Acres new playground installation.
 - xiii. Soccer fields turf renovation.
 - b. Travis Street roundabout maintenance solution ideas forthcoming (enough is enough!).
 - c. Mike provided an update on Celebrate Roanoke (10/14/23):
 - i. Jack Ingram with a special song request from Ray for Loudon Wainwright III's 1970 classic (you know the words, so sing along), "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road".
 - ii. Drone show - \$16K worth of 200 drones with Roanoke icons but not one version of anything mentioned in Loudon Wainwright III's 1970 classic, "Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road".
 - iii. Channel 8 coverage!
 - iv. Strolling entertainment!
 - d. Mike mentioned the upcoming Hometown Holiday (12/02/23) and offered the Parks Board to get involved with their very own booth and/or parade float (crickets were heard at this point in the meeting).
- 3. Parks and Recreation Fee Discussion
 - a. Parks staff distributed their draft fee schedule revision suggestions to start the discussion.
 - b. Staff have observed very few event requests since the new fee structure was established.
 - c. Parks staff will develop a modification action item for next month's agenda.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Angie Grimm and seconded by Richard Noon at 7:18pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Reported By:

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary