



Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/19/24

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Parks & Recreation Administration Building
108 South Oak Street

Re: December 2024 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Present:

Derek Diorio, P&R Chairperson
Josh Brinegar, P&R Vice Chairperson
Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary
Johnathan Ackerman, P&R Board Member
John Pullen, 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:

Michelle Davidson, P&R Board Member
Angie Grimm, P&R Board Member
Richard Noon, P&R Board Member

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Roanoke Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M by Derek Diorio.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

2 Briarwyck residents here for the Slaughter Park master plan.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration and Action to approve the minutes from the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on November 21, 2024. A motion was made to accept the minutes by John Pullen and seconded by Johnathan Ackerman. Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Member Reports (maintenance items):
 - a. Johnathan - Roanoke Community Park:
 - i. Pier at the pond has a trip hazard.
 - ii. Trash can lid with broken chain.
 - b. John - Austin Street Plaza & City Hall & Fountain:
All good.
 - c. Josh – Fair Play Park:
Broken swing.
 - d. Brian – Skate Park & Cannon Parkway Park:
All good. New curb cut is working.
 - e. Derek – Country Acres Park & Fairway Ranch Playground:
 - i. Improvements are nice.
 - ii. Fairway sidewalk issues – already identified by staff.
2. Cannon Park Trail Connection Update:
 - a. LJA is the selected designer after evaluations.
 - b. Design contract is expected to be presented for approval to City Council in February.
 - c. Construction anticipated to begin in City Budget fiscal year 2026 (October 2025).
3. Staff Update and Discussion Regarding Slaughter Property:
 - a. Final Master Plan has 5 park segments with options.
 - b. At least 3 years until construction to start.
 - c. Area 1 (largest 62 acre open space northwest of residential area) feedback:
 - i. Placing the parking far from houses is preferred and most delicate and biggest issue to residents.
 1. This also moves visiting fisherman further away.
 2. The existing fisherman trails could be used as guidelines for the path routes.
 - ii. If fitness stations placed, would they be used.
 - iii. Looped trail is preferred.
 - d. Area 3 (northeastern portion under overhead transmission lines) feedback:
Pickleball court would be very popular.
 - e. Area 4 (northern portion of east creek corridor) feedback:
 - i. Lake option is well liked
 - ii. As more parks developed, more maintenance staff will be needed.
 - f. Area 5 (southern portion of east creek corridor) feedback:
Future development could guide what's most compatible in this area.
 - g. Next Goal: Start with Area 1 to pick amenities to set budget.

- i. For January Parks Board meeting – Board and Parks staff to show up with preferences and deal killers.
- ii. For March Parks Board meeting – Hold public meeting with Briarwyck.

4. Staff Reports & Updates:

- a. In the latest Hollywood style PowerPoint presentation, we reviewed:
 - i. Memorial Tree at County Acres.
 - ii. Oak Street tree replacement.
 - iii. Monroe Roundabout re-landscaping.
 - iv. Cade Branch trail light replacements.
 - v. Basketball Court Resurfacing (Country Acres, Parks of Roanoke, & Cannon Park).
 - vi. Parks of Roanoke Splash Pad resurfacing.
 - vii. Pool pump house new concrete and enclosure.
 - viii. Recreation Center roof drain repair.
 - ix. Recreation Center new flooring for office, CAC, gymnasium, and weight room.
 - x. Recreation Center gymnasium new center roll curtain and wall pads.
 - xi. Recreation Center Fall Break Camp activities.
 - xii. Senior Center activities.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Pullen and seconded by Josh Brinegar at 7:35pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Reported By:

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary