



Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/16/25

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Parks & Recreation Administration Building
108 South Oak Street

Re: January 2025 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting

Present:

Derek Diorio, P&R Chairperson (BUT LATE!)

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary

Jonathan Ackerman, P&R Board Member

Angie Grimm, P&R Board Member

Richard Noon, P&R Board Member (who later bailed on us for some family thing that for whatever reason he believes is a higher priority)

John Pullen, P&R Board Member (who later bailed on us to go try and make a difference on a State level or something minor like that)

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

Josh Brinegar, P&R Vice Chairperson

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Roanoke Parks & Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M by Brian Darby (who dat?).

B. PUBLIC INPUT

None tonight. We felt a little lonely.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration and Action to approve the minutes from the regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on December 19, 2024. A motion was made to accept the minutes by John Pullen and seconded by Angie Grimm. Motion carried unanimously.

Derek arrives! (insert loud welcoming music in your head...here.)

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Member Reports (maintenance items):
 - a. Angie - Austin Street Plaza & City Hall & Fountain:
 - i. Austin Street Plaza - 3 ground stage lights to the right are out (old Christmas lights that will be replaced).
 - ii. City Hall - brick columns with lime seepage (to be power washed).
 - b. Brian – Skate Park & Cannon Parkway Park:

All good. The remains of a snowman still hanging out by the skate park.
 - c. Derek – Country Acres Park & Fairway Ranch Playground:
 - i. Country Acres Park

Bike rack is rusted and busted and trash can has a mower ding.
 - ii. Fairway - pictures to be sent
 1. Broken irrigation.
 2. Torn shade structure due to rocks.
 3. Playground mulch is drowning merry go round.
 - d. Jonathan - Roanoke Community Park:

All prior issues addressed.
 - e. Richard – Briarwyck / Cade Branch Trail:

A handful of bollard trail lights are out.
2. Discussion and Action Regarding Park Board Meeting Days
 - a. Discussion was to move the regular board meeting to the 4th Thursday of the month.
 - b. A motion was made to make this change by Angie Grimm and seconded by Johnathan Ackerman. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Cannon Park Trail Connection Update:
 - a. Meeting with the private property owner revealed his wishes to expand the existing trail network across his property in other locations and to sort out his development plans (which currently do not exist) before allowing the connection trail access.

- b. Project to be broken into 2 phases to complete segments not associated with private property owner.
- c. A revised design proposal will hopefully be ready by the next meeting.

John Pullen leaves us at this point. (insert dark, sad music in your head...here.)

4. Staff Update and Discussion Regarding Slaughter Property:

- a. Issues discussed:
 - i. Different amenities that would be regional attractions:
 - 1. Bicycle Pump Track & Frisbee Golf
 - ii. Area 1 Option B preferred by several.
 - iii. Evaluate if Area 1 or a lower cost area would be best for Phase 1.
 - iv. Subdivision Facebook chatter prefers quiet amenities.
 - v. Consider how much traffic will be drawn to the area.
- b. Homework: Submit amenity preferences and comments by 3rd Thursday for our next 4th Thursday in February.

Richard Noon leaves us at this point for his son's Taekwondo. (insert action movie music in your head...here.)

5. Staff Reports & Updates:

- a. In the latest Hollywood style PowerPoint presentation, we reviewed:
 - i. 2024 PARD usage numbers
 - ii. Park Maintenance Building Improvements.
 - iii. Cannon Park Splash Pad resurfaced (new shade structure to start construction next week) & new tennis nets.
 - iv. Community Park sidewalk transition to dock completed yesterday.
 - v. Pool Pump House enclosure completed.
 - vi. Pool deck resurfacing and scarifying.
 - vii. Recreation Center new lobby furniture.
 - viii. Recreation Center Winter Break Camp Social Media marking campaign data.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Angie Grimm and seconded by Johnathan Ackerman at 7:34pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Reported By:

Brian Darby, P&R Board Secretary