

Parks & Recreation Department

ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

August 19, 2014 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm.

In attendance were: Linda O'Neil, Sarah Massie, Ginny Boyer, Kenny Mull, Lee Starnes, and Rhett Langston. Wallace Messer, Michelle Claytor, Dan Shultz and Don Frady was unable to attend.

The July 2014 minutes were approved.

Old Business:

• None

New Business:

- The monthly report for July was reviewed.
- Katie Messer and Ralphene Rathbone gave a presentation for a project at East Street Park for Low Impact Development (LID). Katie is a student at Haywood Community College and would like to do this as a project for her LID program. Her tentative plan includes manually removing exotic species, replacing vegetative riparian buffer, stabilizing the stream bank, bioswale on the north side, rain garden, wetland or butterfly garden, ADA path, and nature trail. The first part of the project will include work on the stream. This will not cost the town of Waynesville. The Advisory Commission discussed the project and agreed it would be a good idea.
- We discussed the possibilities of different locations of the new saunas. One idea discussed was to put the saunas on the pool deck. The advantage to this is that it would be easier to manage. The disadvantage is that a lot of people prefer the privacy of the locker room and that it would take up deck space for swim events. The other idea discussed was to put the saunas in the locker rooms. The advisory commission decided to try it out in the locker rooms.
- Chestnut Park was discussed as a possible future park. It is still undetermined if the town of Waynesville owns the land. The Advisory Commission expressed interest in making a park out of it and putting it in the comprehensive plan for future development. The recommendation was made to do this by Lee Starnes and second by Sarah Massie. All voted yes. Motion passed.
- The Waynesville Recreation Center will be closing from September 8 to 14 for annual maintenance and the Canton Lions Club Mud Run on September 13.
- The Advisory Commission will do an annual presentation in November at the Aldermen's meeting for the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department.
- Weight Watchers has expressed an interest in renting one or two of the multipurpose rooms for meetings on a permanent basis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhett Langston