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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

August 21, 2019 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

In attendance were: Sarah Massie, Nicole Kott, Wallace Messer, Wayne Finger, Michelle Claytor, Megan Houser, Lee Starnes, Mackie McKay, Kenny Mull, and Dan Schultz. Kim Gardner was unable to attend.

The minutes from the July 17 meeting were read and approved. (Motion was made by Dan Shultz and seconded by Sarah Massie)

New Business:

- Megan Houser was introduced to everyone as a new member to our advisory commission.
- We reviewed the monthly report for July.
- Parris Ezell and Kristen Hammett asked if the new policy regarding having to be at least age 16 to be upstairs could be reconsidered with exceptions. The commission explained that while some children are supervised very carefully by their parents there were many who ran on the track away from their parents. This presented a high risk of injuring a senior citizen. Also, most children left alone while their parent(s) worked out would begin to touch the weight or cardio equipment which presented another high risk of injury.
- The homeless situation in our parks (particularly Hazelwood Park and Recreation Park) is getting worse. There have been several who have slept in the shelters or gazebo near the tennis courts. The Waynesville Police Department has been notified and they said they would patrol throughout the night to make sure they do not sleep in the parks.
- We would like to recognize Don Frady with an appreciation plaque for his years of service on the Advisory Commission.
- We will be closing the Waynesville Recreation Center for annual maintenance and repairs in September. We will also repair two holes in the gym floor and possibly install the dehumidification system in the pool area.
- We will try a new afterschool program in a few weeks. This will be offered Monday through Friday.
- The Town of Waynesville has a new website.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhett Langston, Director

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