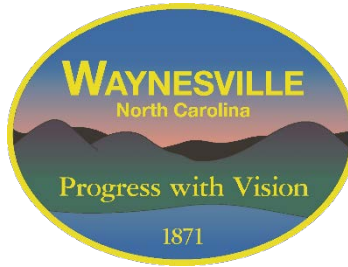


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## **ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

**July 19, 2023  
5:30 PM**

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### **MINUTES**

In attendance were Eva Hansen, Mark Tongen, Jon Sears, Nicole Kott, Megan Hauser  
Absent: Chad Carver, David Hyder

Wesley Woodbery, Aquatics Supervisor, staffed the meeting in place of Luke Kinsland, Parks & Rec Director, who is on leave.

#### New Business:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

- Eva Hansen welcomed newly appointed member Jon Sears to the Commission.
- The minutes from the meeting on June 19, 2023, were approved.
- There was consensus to add additional items to the end of the agenda at Eva's request. They were as follows: Change the day of the meetings to accommodate a member's work schedule, Cabin status at East St Park, and KidStuff at Folkmoot- a partnership Kiwanis and Base Camp.
- Wesley made the following reports:
  - The Recreation Center hours are being expanded as follows:
  - Open to 9:00 pm M-F; Open until 5:00 pm Saturday; Closed on Sunday.
  - Aquatics going very well with the addition of more lifeguards. It is likely they will be fully staffed by fall. The children's water park is now open on a regular schedule.
  - New fencing for the All-Abilities Playground has been completed.
  - Program Supervisor position remains vacant, and recruitment is continuing until the position is filled.
- A meeting day change request was discussed. This would accommodate Chad's work schedule enabling him to attend these meetings. There was consensus to move the meetings from Wednesdays to Mondays beginning in October. Megan is beginning a new program and delaying the change to October would most likely enable her to make the Monday meetings. The Town Council is responsible for acting on this requested change at a future Town Council meeting. Staff will follow up.
- Cabin Facility Status at East St. Park: Jon agreed to contact a Boy Scout leader from Longs Chapel to work with us on the items left in the cabin and identifying a Scout primary point of contact for the cabin. Advisory members agreed clean it.  
*Background:* This cabin, built years ago, was utilized by a local Boy Scout Troop. However, it hasn't been used these past few years and Luke, Eva and Director of Planning and Development, Elizabeth Teague, discussed exploring opportunities for its use. It's confirmed it's on town property and seems to be the responsibility of Parks and Recreation. A key component to this exploration of opportunities includes communicating and working with the Scouts about the cabin's contents and their plans for future use. Nicole volunteered to be the neighborhood point person as she lives in the vicinity of the park and knows the neighborhood well.

- Folkmoot Event- Kiwanis KidStuff in partnership with Base Camp. Eva informed the group of the plans for this event on the courthouse lawn on 7/29/23 and invited members to attend a portion of the event to support Parks and Recreation. Base Camp staff will be there with children's activities, Parks & Rec information, and membership forms.
- Other: Mark questioned the loss of access to the Recreation Park smaller parking lot by the larger playgrounds due to a new culvert installed by DOT in relation to the new round-a-bout on N. Main and Marshall Street. Eva shared with the group what was discussed at the last meeting with member David Hyder present and the review of the DOT plan/drawings with Luke, David, and Eva. A few months ago, Eva was provided the plan/drawings by a local business in the vicinity of the round-a-bout and gave Luke a copy.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Chair's signature *Eva Hansen*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eva Hansen, Chairman