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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

**June 21, 2023
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

In attendance were: Eva Hansen, Dan Schultz, David Hyder, Chad, Mark Tongen.
Absent: Nicole Kott

Luke Kinsland, Director, is the assigned staff for the Advisory meeting.

New Business:

- Chair Eva Hansen opened the meeting thanking long time Commission Member Dan Shultz, whose term expires July 1 for his strong support and work to strengthen the parks and recreation department.
- Approval of the Minutes was unanimous
- Mark Tongen, a newly appointed Commission member was introduced and welcomed. Luke announced another new member, Jon Sears, was recently appointed by the town council.
- Luke reported the new Greenway Trail on the other side of the new bridge is to be paved soon. Still anxiously waiting on the company contracted to conduct the site plan. A new and updated map of the Greenway is in the process of being created.
- Luke reported pool staffing can support expanded operating hours.
- The Commission voted to request the change of the meeting date to the 3rd Monday of each month instead of Wednesdays. This change will accommodate the schedules of the members. Luke will request this change be placed on the Town Council’s agenda for approval.
- The Commission requested Luke coordinate a combined meeting within the next few months between the county parks & rec advisory, Waynesville advisory and Canton parks and rec Director to share current issues and future planning.
- Luke reported the Programs Supervisor position remains open after the first round of interviews.
- Luke reported Sabrina Caldwell, Administrative Supervisor, will be the primary point of contact for Parks and Rec during his maternity leave for the month of July.
- Luke reported due to the DOT changes related to the new round-a-bout on North Main and Marshall Street there will be no access to a parking lot next to Recreation Park playgrounds. There was significant concern expressed and follow up requested with the Planning Department and DOT. A request was made to Luke to have a meeting with representatives of the Commission, Elizabeth Teague, Director of the Planning and Development Department and the lead engineer of DOT for the round-a-bout.
- There was continued discussion of the need for website improvement. Luke indicated he was working closely with town staff regarding upgrades.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Chair’s signature *Eva Hansen*

Respectfully Submitted,
Luke Kinsland, Director