

Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission – 5/15/23 – 6pm at Holt Street Park

Name	Representation
Aaron Davis (AD)	City of Mebane Leader
Tanner Deisch (TD)	City Limits (RPAC Chair)
Emily Powell (EP)	City Limits
Jesse Whitaker (JW)	City Limits
Laurie Sawyer (LS)	City Limits
Sherri Seagroves (SS) - absent	City Limits
Jay Bisette (JB)	City Limits

1. Call to order – RPAC Chair – T.D. – 6pm
2. Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2023 – No edits to the minutes.
  - JW made motion to approve.
  - EP seconded. All approved.

3. RPAC 360 Evaluation – Open Conversation/Misc – ALL

Pickleball – nets went out today at 11 am, paddle saddle was also installed.

- On court 1, if pickleball players are playing, even though there are no lines, they should go to the new tennis courts if available. If not, tennis would have priority over pickleball.

EP - asked about food vendors at the parks.

- AD clarified that all vendors selling in parks should have a contract on file with the city and that Rec & Parks is in charge of scheduling them.
- AD - For purposes of being equitable, we're using more than 1 of the same type of vendor but scheduling them. The Baked Good, Kona Ice, Mikey's Icy, 3 Brothers.
- AD - If Kris wants to book one vendor for one night, he can do it without a contract. However, Vendors who want to make regular appearances need to have a contract with the city.

Board Member asked for an update on construction at Cates Farm Park.

- AD said it's slow going, but it's going well. Working on getting lights and power out there.

Fiddler stage Update – not ready for Juneteenth; construction should start the week after.

LS - asked why the sculpture at the Community Park is roped off.

- AD said that the Sculpture at Community Park dislodged. The sculptor will come out and give us a quote for repair.

AD - The tennis tournaments were great. Dave McGee sent out pictures.

- JW said that the men's final was really well attended.

AD said he thinks that there will be a call for PB organizer at some point in the future.

LS provided feedback about meeting with Sean Ewing.

JW & Jonathan White met – didn't get a chance to meet, but did see him sending out an email requesting feedback about the \$0.03 increase. Aaron may be talking with him as well.

Katie Burkholder – Only area or thought for improvement – theatrical arts. With the growth she is seeing in her normal job (Real Estate), if the residents want to maintain the quality of service, the city needs to prepare.

AD mentioned NRPA report that referenced listing that Mebane should have 16-19 full time people.

- Signed 32 PT time sheets today, staffing is a whole different thing we're dealing with.

Ad - Encourage passionate friends to council members. Tanner will be at the meeting

4. Budget – no important update except the idea of the 3 cent tax increase

5. Upcoming Events – A.D. – Movies in the Park just finished. Golf, tee ball, lacrosse all finished or finishing up. Camps start the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Juneteenth and 4<sup>th</sup> of July coming up soon.

6. Project/Program Updates – A.D. – video coming out soon for Kayaks. Waiting for additional locks before we can release video.

A.D. - July 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting for Parks and Rec Proclamation.

7. Action Items/What Happens Next? – A.D. – please attend the council meeting if you are available

8. Adjournment – ALL – 6:40pm