

Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission – 06/12/23 – 6pm at Lake Michael Park, Shelter #2

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

1. Call to order – RPAC Chair – T.D., 6:01pm

2. Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2023 – SS made a motion to approve, EP 2nd. Minutes approved unanimously.

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

a. Video – feedback very positive.

1. EP offered some feedback that the video was lengthy, and that most people wouldn't watch the length of the vessel rental video.

c. SS offered feedback that Pastry trucks shouldn't come to the Farmer's Market to prevent competition with Lou's Bakery. AD said that Taylor already addressed it and the Baked Good Shop would no longer be coming to the Farmer's Market.

d. SS also mentioned that the Map at the Trailhead at Lake Michael is not correct. The printed maps are correct, but 2 trails are flipped on the Trailhead map. SS was going to get the corrected map to AD so that the one posted could be replaced/updated.

e. JB offered feedback about baseball, that with U8 in particular the umpires seemed to switch the rules. AD offered if that happens, it should be addressed by a full time employee right away so that they can correct the understanding of the rules by the umpires. AD mentioned that the umpires are stretched very thin and that they are covering areas from Gibsonville to Mebane, and the leagues have different rules. JB also said that they had a lot of parents that were upset about different things.

f. SS asked why the basketball nets were replaced since it seemed that they didn't last long. AD said it was due to wear. They had been used just a lot.

4. Rec and Parks Month @ July Council Meeting – ALL

a. AD reminded everyone that we should be at City Hall at 5:30pm. If you can be there before that it would be appreciated, so we could take pictures. Inviting full time staff to join us at the meeting.

5. Budget Updates – A.D. – follow-up from Council Meeting, AD said he left that meeting that night feeling somewhat discouraged about future funding. However, Council never made an amendment kicking out money from the Rec. side. AD confirmed that Rec and Parks money was not removed from the \$0.02 increase.

a. AD said it will be a matter of seeing how much money we have and then looking at what projects are a priority. We don't know exactly what is going to be funded at this point with that .02 increase.

b. AD asked for feedback from any council member meetings. No one offered any feedback.

6. Upcoming Events – A.D.

a. Farmer's Market – AD said it is going well. There was an issue with Maker's Market vendors over-stepping to push out Farmer vendors. Re-iterated that the Maker's Market begins at 12pm. Maker's Market will not happen in July, but they will be there in August and September. It does hurt our relationship with our Farmer's Market vendors if this is an issue that repeats itself.

B. Sports Camps – Several full. Promoting ones for other sports to see if they can get attendance up. Trying to partner with Southeast High School to see if they would like to do additional camps.

C. Juneteenth – 10-2pm this Saturday. Countdown campaign over the next few days on social media.

1. SS – discussed promoting Year of the Trail and ensuring that everyone feels welcome on the trail. There is much generational trauma with people of color. She offered that there has not been a great effort to teach people of color how to hike and that many do not feel invited by people on the trail. They also don't have the gear.

D. 4th of July – Getting ready for that. Gary Lowder and the Smokin' Hot is the band, beach music. Given it's on a Tuesday, will be prepping on Monday. More food trucks than ever before.

E. Cycle NC is October 3rd. AD sent a Zoom meeting for next Tuesday. Having a conversation about the event.

1. LS asked about serving alcohol. AD said that they were approved for that, it will be structured like a happy hour, and then the bikers will be shuttled downtown to enjoy shops/restaurants.

F. Sept. 30th – Amazing Race.

G. Halloween Parade downtown.

7. Project/Program Updates – A.D.

1. MACC soccer fields got new sod

2. Re-lamped baseball field

3. Meeting with Playground people at Cates. Restrooms are currently under construction, which, unfortunately, has caused some issues which has resulted in closure of the park. Running the pipes were an expected part of the project, however, they hit rock which caused the closure to be longer than expected.

4. Fiddler's stage – will not be installed before the event on Saturday (Juneteenth)—concrete work to begin maybe next week or the week after.

5. Lake Michael Dam inspection happening tomorrow.

6. Master plan draft ready in August

7. CPR certification Thursday

8. Action Items/What Happens Next? – ALL

a. Please share videos when they come out

b. Send 365 feedback out to everyone since there will not be a meeting in July.

9. Adjournment – ALL – JB made a motion to adjourn, SS seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.