



# Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission

Meeting Summary

April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. @ Mebane Community Park

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

1. Call to order – RPAC Chair, TD. – 6:03 pm
2. Approval of minutes – no concerns, all approved
  - a. JW – made a motion.
  - b. SS – 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
3. 360 Evaluation -
  - a. Emily – bleachers at Walker Field were fixed, she wanted to say thanks for the quick fix.
  - b. Tanner – Farmers Market was well-attended recently.
  - c. Aaron – concern about dogs at the farmers market – working on a sign for Farmers Market rules – concern about dogs that are not well-behaved, you may be asked to leave if your dog isn't well-behaved. Looking at other markets and rules.
    1. Tanner – suggested looking at the City of Statesboro, GA as they have a really great farmers market packet.
    2. Sherri – added that Hillsborough's market is run by several farmers who set the rules. Also said that the Master Gardeners might want to set up a table. Also said that the women's club has budgeted money to participate.
    3. Tanner – said that he liked the no-parking signs.
  - d. Sherri – Wendy Day and I went to Lake Michael to look at the Lantern Festival setup. May need some help getting it ready from a safety perspective. Wrap up the hose, and take down leaves.
    1. Aaron said he thinks that the pathway for the lantern drop needs to be tested a few hours before.
    2. Sherri said they've got food trucks and craft vendors.
    3. Sherri also asked if there was a way to get the paddle boats completely out of the water. Aaron said that they are incredibly heavy. Aaron said that they could use the 2 that are functional this summer, then use the parts from a few of the others to make more functional boats. Whatever ones we won't use we'll put on gov deals and whoever wants them can have them.
  - e. Sherri did notice the MST post that the city drew over 400 likes.



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1. Laurie added that the signs look great.
- f. Aaron asked if the employee appreciation spreadsheet went out and if everyone could view it. – all replied with - yes
  1. Sherri obtained a Rec and Parks Month proclamation for the July council meeting. Aaron will invite the full-time employees to the meeting.
4. Budget Updates
  - a. Aaron and budget - had a meeting today – 3<sup>rd</sup> budget meeting based on how much money was asked for by all the depts.
    1. We are asking for 3.8 million – which does not include the spillway or greenway.
    2. Ranks us 3<sup>rd</sup> amongst depts, not including utility fund. Police -1, Fire – 2, Rec – 3, Public Works – 4.
      - b. Regarding meetings for RPAC members to have their budget meetings – we really aren't asking for anything substantial, and now we're trying to finish and fix things.
        1. Old Rec floor, maybe \$160K. Gave an example of how rec had to pay additional money to fix old rec lights because they couldn't use a lift.
        2. Given examples of questions to ask council members. Nothing will be added, but what future projects are on your mind? Realistic/future?
        3. What is the dept not doing that you want to see them do? What do they love about rec and parks?
          4. MACC roof needs to be fixed.
          5. Community park - Add parking and auto locks to restroom doors. Graffiti. Timed locks. Talked about dumpster access.
            - a. Do not have weekend help at the park. Would love to have a part-time attendant.
        6. Prep them with the idea that we are really going to need to ask for more people next year. Maybe it's a night/PT person? That would make a huge difference. Visit all the parks. Maybe we ask a groundskeeper to go with each operations person? Hate that each person is alone. Want people to be able to work and be on duty during the weekend.
      7. Meetings really need to happen over the next 1-1.5 weeks.
  5. Upcoming events / Program Updates
    - a. Farmers Market – Lindsey is getting acclimated to the new job
    - b. Lacrosse and golf – end in 4 weeks
    - c. T-ball/softball starting.
    - d. Volleyball will start next month
    - e. Camps are coming soon.
    - f. Movie – Friday nights in May, plus Dogwood Festival
    - g. Juneteenth at the Community Park



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- h. July 4<sup>th</sup>
- i. Cycle NC in Oct
- j. Cates Farm – grading in progress
- k. Fiddler’s stage – matching colors, picking out fabrics.
- l. Put up first batting cage net.
- m. Putting up TV with concession menu, advertising, schedule of games at Community

Park

- n. Pickleball stripes are going down tomorrow.
- o. Lake Michael Kiosk up at the trailhead – signs will be approved and put up soon.
- p. Splash pad – we will announce Wed that it will not open in time. The plumbers need to get us their contract. Then the company will be coming out (Raindrop) to help us turn it on and see how things are going
- q. Adding more sand to the volleyball court.

7. Action Items

- a. Dogwood Festival – help Friday night? Need help to show vendors where they will be setting up.
- b. Promo videos – more coming soon. Watch and like
- c. Trail rangers would like to start a scavenger hunt in Sept – hide/dig up – hide dogwood flowers along the trail, like how Southern Pines had hidden glass pinecones.

6:50. Jesse made motion, Sherri seconded.