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City of Salisbury, Maryland  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
December 9, 2021

Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
David Plotts, Chairperson	Dominique Sessa, Committee Member
Dr. Brante' Dashiell, Committee Member	Dr. Joe Anderson, Vice Chairperson
David Herrick, Secretary	April Jackson, City Council Liaison
Doug Draper, Parks Superintendent	
Mary Grace Kiley, Committee Member	
Mike Perry, Committee Member	
Mike Piorunski, Committee Member	
Jackson St. Jean, Critical Area Planner	

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:10PM at the Community Foundation,  
9 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804.

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11 **Minute:** David Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the November 11,2021 meeting. A  
12 motion was made by Mike Perry to approve the minutes as amended. Said motion was seconded by  
13 Mary Grace Kiley and carried to approve.

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15 **Park Review:** Doug Draper announced ongoing mulching at various city parks along with tree  
16 trimming at Lakeside and the tennis courts at City Park and tree planting will continue at City and  
17 other parks. His team also performed maintenance at the Salisbury Marina. He said that fallen  
18 leaves at the City Park were becoming too cumbersome to handle and espoused a different method of  
19 consolidation and disposal that might prove more efficient. Mr. Draper also announced an increased  
20 coordination between Field Operations and the Green Team, BPAC and Parks and Recreation which  
21 Mr. Piorunski thought as an excellent idea. The plan for Disc Golf in the City Park has met with  
22 approval by the mayor's office and City Council had no concerns with a MOU presented to them at  
23 the December 6, 2021, work session. The resolution is now on City Council's legislative consent  
24 agenda where approval is likely after which Eastbound Disc Golf Club will recommend to our  
25 committee an initial design and signage. After our review, we will submit a final proposal to  
26 Amanda Pollack for a green light on the project.

27 City Park information kiosks were a subject of interest for the committee. Ms. Kiley thought  
28 there should be more kiosks at trailheads, especially along S. Park Drive, and that there be greater  
29 clarification of the location of mileage markers. Mr. Perry believed that all kiosks needed  
30 refurbishing or new paint at least which could possibly be done by members of ESIMBA. He also  
31 recommended that each kiosk have a posterboard for temporary public messages. Mr. Plotts  
32 mentioned that the city wayfaring and signage budget might cover the costs of such projects.

33 The mention of converting park lighting to a city code standard led to a brief discussion of the  
34 ever-problematic question of the hour at which city parks be considered closed at night. On one  
35 hand, use of the tennis courts under lights is favorable but on the other hand late night skate park  
36 activity might be a nuisance to neighboring residents. A fair and enforceable balance needs to be  
37 struck.

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39 **Other Business:** By order of Mayor Jake Day, the city will adopt a City Parks Planning Process  
40 which shall "... identify and prioritize improvements to City Parks and Playgrounds ..." Discussion  
41 ensued concerning the dollar amount to request for a Parks and Recreation Committee budget and  
42 ideas for park improvements. Benches, picnic tables, trash baskets, signs, cleanup, and community  
43 outreach were mentioned. Mr. Plotts drew up a preliminary wish list including estimated costs which



44 totaled a little over \$2000 therefore a request for that amount from the city for a Parks and Recreation  
45 Committee budget was tentatively agreed upon.

46 Election of officers for 2022 was held. David Plotts was nominated by Mike Piorunski for  
47 Chairperson, Mike Piorunski was nominated for Vice Chairperson by Mike Perry and David Herrick  
48 was nominated for Secretary by David Plotts. All nominees ran unopposed. A voice vote was taken,  
49 and all nominees were elected to their respective positions for one (1) year. Committee member  
50 Brante' Dashiell announced her decision to refrain from her continued participation which is up for  
51 renewal in December 2021 since she is leaving the area.

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53 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion  
54 to adjourn was made by Mike Perry, seconded by Mike Piorunski and committee voted to adjourn at  
55 7:02PM.

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