

**City of Salisbury, Maryland
Parks & Recreation Committee
February 10, 2022**

Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
David Plotts, Chairperson	
Dominique Sessa, Committee Member	Dr. Joe Anderson, Committee Member
David Herrick, Secretary	April Jackson, City Council Liaison
Doug Draper, Parks Superintendent	
Mary Grace Kiley, Committee Member	
Mike Perry, Committee Member	
Mike Piorunski, Vice Chairperson	
Alyssa Hastings, Sustainability Specialist	

Call to Order: David Plotts called the meeting to order at 5:55PM at the Community Foundation, 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804.

Minutes: David Plotts distributed copies of the minutes from the January 2, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Mary Kiley to approve the minutes as amended. Said motion was seconded by Dave Herrick and carried to approve.

Park Review: Doug Draper announced brush cutting, tree trimming and removal of three (3) large trees between Memorial Plaza and Beaglin Park Dr. in City Park. Mr. Draper also commented that after the deep snowfall occurring on the last weekend of January many families made use of the slopes surrounding the park for sledding and sliding activities. Pertaining to the new disc golf course in the park, Mr. Plotts recapped the January 2, 2022 walk around and the committee's decision to recommend the course layout as marked to Amanda Pollock, Director of Infrastructure and Development. A Flood Plain Permit for the basket installation has been submitted to Maryland Department of the Environment. Mr. Draper said the main parking area for the completed course will most likely be at the Kiwanis Pavilion. Mary Kiley mentioned signage for the new disc golf course. Mr. Plotts said that the city wayfaring and signage budget which is \$40,000 per year for two (2) years might cover the costs of that and other related signage projects the committee deems necessary. Mr. Plotts thought that a visit from Will White, the city transportation administrator, might be useful.

A preliminary city park inventory created by Jackson St. Jean, Critical Area Planner for the city, was revealed. The committee wishes to have input into this project and would like Mr. St. Jean to attend a meeting for the purpose of agreeing on the final report's content and form. Discussion revolved around consolidating the data and making it searchable. Park lighting was discussed with Ms. Kiley asking about the feasibility of adding surveillance cameras. Mr. Piorunski said that any camera installation should coincide with new lighting. Mr. Plotts remembered that the Police Chief attended a past meeting and stated that the cost of cameras would be prohibitive. Learning that the Salisbury Zoo has their own proprietary camera system, the committee would like more information as to the effectiveness and cost of said cameras.

Other Business: Alyssa Hastings said that there have been four (4) recent donations to City Park made under the new donation policy – two (2) trees, a tree and a bench and another bench. The trees will have a small tag similar to those at Salisbury U. attached unless they are Yew or Magnolia which are problematic. To prevent theft of the tags on a small tree it might be advisable to wait for significant growth before affixing. Attaching a donation plaque to the bench back was also difficult and it will need to be placed on the side which Mr. Draper said was not a problem since he has a man that can do it. Such plaques need to be consistent on every bench and an Excel spreadsheet

45 cataloguing all donations would be a good idea. In conclusion, Mr. Draper assured Ms. Hastings that
46 he will make every attempt to avoid bushhogging donated trees.

47 Lastly, Ms. Kiley requested a list of city supplied Little Library Boxes. She was directed to contact
48 Rachel Manning, Community Relations Manager, who might be of assistance.

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51 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion
52 to adjourn was made by Mike Perry, seconded by Mike Piorunski and committee voted to adjourn at
53 7:05PM.

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