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

**Minutes**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
David Plotts, Chairperson	
Alyssa Hastings, Sustainability Specialist	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	

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:05PM at the Community Foundation,  
9 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804.

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11 **Minutes:** David Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the December 9, 2022, and  
12 February 10, 2022, meetings. A motion was made by Mike Perry to approve the minutes as  
13 amended. Said motion was seconded by Mary Kiley and carried to approve.  
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15 **Park Review:** Doug Draper informed the committee of ongoing mulching, stump grinding and tree  
16 removal in various parks, but which is somewhat constrained in tidal areas by Maryland Critical Area  
17 regulations. He also mentioned plans for a bocce ball court and an annual Hops on the River festival  
18 for the north side of Riverwalk Park. Mr. Draper relayed a citizen complaint concerning suspicious  
19 activity at the new parking area on the North side of Beaver Dam bridge where there is no lighting,  
20 and none projected in the city budget although eighty (80) new lights are planned for the main trails  
21 and picnic island in the City Park. The lights will be the city standard “Acorn” globes with LEDs.  
22 Camera surveillance installation is not currently planned for the park but can be easily retrofitted to  
23 the new lighting scheme, according to city engineers. Mr. Draper mentioned that city employees had  
24 recently seen a motorized dirt bike using the trails in City Park and Mary Kiley said she had also seen  
25 ATVs in the park where such activity is prohibited but enforcement would be difficult. Alyssa  
26 Hastings outlined an invasive species inventory initiative for Naylor Mill Park which will identify  
27 areas overtaken by English Ivy, bamboo, wisteria, privet and other foreign invaders. Removal and  
28 control will be outsourced but Mike Perry offered immediate assistance from IMBA to clear  
29 invasives from an area in the park planned for construction that would reduce accidental distribution  
30 by heavy equipment. Mr. Perry also thought that Naylor Mill Park needed an overall management  
31 plan. Planned site development and construction of ballfields and other amenities at Waterside Park  
32 has hit a snag due to exorbitant estimated costs. Mr. Piorunski questioned why the city would  
33 request a project bid or RFP if there was insufficient money allocated in the budget for expected  
34 submissions. Mr. Plotts explained that projected costs are often based on outdated information  
35 leading to bid rejections. Concerning the tennis courts, Mary Kiley believed that pickleball lines  
36 could be superimposed on the current court surface thereby providing a multiuse option. The swift  
37 progress of the Chris Roberts Memorial Disc Golf course seems to have come to a halt by the  
38 concern of MDE on baskets and pads being planned for installation in a flood plain. Will the  
39 proposed tennis court complex in the same area but with a much larger footprint be a victim of the  
40 same intervention?  
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42 **Other Business:** Mt. Plotts distributed the 2022 Park Visit Schedule beginning April 14 through  
43 October 13. Ms. Hastings announced future plans for community engagement events at the  
44 Salisbury Zoo, Ward Museum and local walking tours envisioned by the Environmental Policy Task

45 Force. With Jackson St. Jean, the former City Critical Area Coordinator, pursuing other career  
46 opportunities, the committee will take over the park inventory project. With a basic but unwieldy  
47 inventory already completed by Mr. St. Jean, the committee will consolidate and clarify the data that  
48 will lead to a better understanding of what the city parks currently contain and what they might  
49 require for better public benefit and appreciation. The committee tentatively agreed to visit the larger  
50 parks as a group and delegate individuals to assess the smaller parks. One idea proposed by Mr.  
51 Piorunski was to search for location suitable for a community garden in a city park. Discussion  
52 ensued regarding design, fencing, operation and supervision since previous garden attempts, though  
53 well intentioned, did not fulfill their desired intent.  
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55 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion  
56 to adjourn was made by Mike Perry, seconded by Mike Piorunski and committee voted to adjourn at  
57 7:45PM.  
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