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City of Salisbury, Maryland  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
February 16, 2023

Minutes

<b><u>Present</u></b>	
David Plotts, Chairperson	<u>Kevin Gleason, PDGA Member</u>
Mike Piorunski, Vice Chairperson	
David Herrick, Secretary	<b>Not Present</b>
Mike Perry, Committee Member	Dominique Sessa, Committee Member
Errick Wilson, Committee Member	April Jackson, City Council Liaison
Mary Grace Kiley, Committee Member	Lou DeGeorge, Parks Supervisor
Scott Roberts, Asst. Dir. Wico. Arts & Culture	Harry Wanner, Parks Manager
Paul Whitney, PDGA Member	
Josh Maxfield, PDGA, Eastbound Disc Golf	

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:10 at Community Foundation of the  
9 Eastern Shore, 1324 Belmont Ave, Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21801.

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11 **Minutes:** Mr. Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the January 26, 2023 meeting. A  
12 motion was made by Mike Perry to accept the minutes as read. Said motion was seconded by Mike  
13 Piorunski and carried to approve.

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15 **Parks Review:** It was announced that Lou DeGeorge and Harry Wanner have submitted their  
16 resignation from the parks department effective as of this writing and replacements will be sought.  
17 Meantime, Sam Ireland, Field Operations, will be interim parks manager. Mr. Perry presented  
18 photos of authorized logging in Naylor Mill Park immediately adjacent to a bike trail that was  
19 necessary for a right of way through the park. Mr. Piorunski mentioned the Bundle Up and Get  
20 Outside initiative to promote outdoor activities in Salisbury and has an idea for artists to show their  
21 works on picnic island in city park for seasonal inspiration. Costs for such an endeavor might be  
22 offset by local nonprofit groups, the Maryland Humanities Council or funding from the Public Arts  
23 Master Plan which is being discussed by the City of Salisbury.

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25 **Other Business:** Members of the Professional Disc Golf Association presented a proposal for an  
26 18-hole disc golf course within the eastern section of City Park including a preliminary layout and  
27 signage ideas. A walk through with the committee will be planned possibly at the committee's March  
28 9, 2023 meeting in City Park. Funding for course design, construction and equipment has been  
29 partially acquired but financial help from the city and possibly private sponsors will be explored. An  
30 example of a Shumaker Disc Golf course sign was on exhibit and was met with favorable opinions  
31 for using the same design and manufacturer since the material appeared to be in perfect shape even  
32 though it was 13 years old and would be consistent with other park signage. An informational kiosk  
33 template was distributed which also would be consistent with current trail structures. All images and  
34 specifications for these signs will be forwarded to Sam Ireland for review and comment. Nationally,  
35 disc golf is becoming increasingly popular with the PDGA having 245,000 plus players registered  
36 and 855 people in Salisbury have downloaded the local app for disc golf aficionados thus showing a  
37 high level of interest in our area. Mary Grace Kiley characterized the sport as a family-oriented  
38 activity and a worthy addition to our community. Kevin Gleason, league coordinator, said that his  
39 organization continually plans disc golf events for charity and hopes to bring a Junior World  
40 competition to our area in the next few years which would be a major disc golf event. Mike Perry  
41 thought that the group might have a disc golf demonstration on a First Friday in Salisbury in order to  
42 advance the sport and encourage new players locally.

45 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion  
46 to adjourn was made by Errick Wilson, seconded by Mary Grace Kiley and committee voted to  
47 adjourn at 7:15PM.

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49 David Herrick  
50 Secretary

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