



## Recreation Committee Meeting

Location: *Recreation Main Office*

(1 E. Main St., Thomasville, NC 27360)

Date: 8/2/2022

Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)

- i. Call to order/ Welcome
- ii. Approval of Agenda
- iii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 06/07/21
- iv. Public Forum – Please sign up on the Public Forum Signup Sheet. A two-minute time limit will be enforced.
- v. Agenda Items
  - a) Updates on the Aquatic & Community Center Project
  - b) Park Audit
  - c) RecDesk
  - d) Programming Outlook Q3 & Q4
- vi. Reports:
  - a) Division Reports

Response from Committee Members
- vii. Adjournment: The Next Committee Meeting Date: 9/6/2022



## Recreation Committee

### Meeting Minutes

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Present:** Jarrod Dunbar, Hunter Thrift, Scott Styers, Tony Vizzini, Colon Starrett, Bill Tagliaferri, Steve Bare, Kevin Leake, and Kathleen Saratte.

Staff Present: Cory Tobin, Molly Hussey, and Caprishia Davis

**Next meeting:** August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at the Recreation Main Office

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### Announcements

Jarrod Dunbar called the meeting to order. Jarrod made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The motion was approved by Bill Tagliaferri and seconded by Kathleen Saratte. Jarrod made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Steve Bare and seconded by Bill Tagliaferri. The motion was carried unanimously. There was no one who signed up for the Public Forum.

### Agenda Items

- a. **UPDATES ON THE AQUATIC & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT** – The pool is completely excavated and all drains have been put in place. It is zero entry and you will see an earth formed peninsula of the pool and we have a 15-foot depth already excavated with gravel at the bottom of the pool to begin doing rebar and filling in the pool. You will see installation on the outside exterior of the building with the aluminum framing and there will be roofing placed and it should be dried in by the end of the week. The front wall is about 20 feet high and 7,700 square feet and the pool itself is 5,880 square feet. It will be lined with ornamental 6-foot aluminum black fencing and our playground will receive the 4-foot aluminum fencing to tie it into the property. Our City Council did approve to put in the ordinance this morning for the use of ARP funding to provide the street enhancements and walking trail to the project so everything that was bid is now coming to fruition for the project. Once this building is complete and finished it will be operational because we did not just build a bathhouse. We will be able to start holding city council and committee meetings in that facility and the pool itself will be ready for next summer. We have taken the route to talk to finance and budget a third-party Aqua Tech company, who will hire local kids to take training classes to be certified to become a lifeguard because we will need to have 7 active lifeguards on duty at all times to maintain the pool.
- b. **RECREATION STAFF** – We have been going through transition within our department and we have hired a new Recreation Specialist Nicholas Williams who will start on Monday. He has been with the city in the construction and maintenance department and we look forward to having him a part of our team. We have also filled in the Athletic Directors position with a local individual who has been working part time with us for years.

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We are still reviewing candidates for our Center Director position to be filled.

- c. **SUMMER OUTLOOK** – In the next 2 weeks we will be getting 2 full time staff members so we will be able to get back into motion with our work duties. Our current staff have continued to work hard to have our programs run smoothly and making sure that our new RecDesk system will be ready for operation on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We did have to put T-Ball and C-Ball on hold due to Vince Brown retiring and we needed to fill that position. We did not have the staffing to operate during our regular scheduled season so it will be on hold until our new AD starts. Summer Camp started yesterday and it is in full effect. Molly did a great job planning it and we have 6 full-time counselors and 46 kids. This summer will consist of a lot of training with our 2 new hires and our new RecDesk online payment system but we are ready for the new budget year to begin and are very excited for the new changes being made.

After no further business, Jarrod made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 2nd, 2022 at Recreation Main Office at 12:00PM.



## Programs/Athletics Report June & July 2022

### Athletics:

#### June

*Youth Baseball* - With the retirement of Vince, staff helped cover baseball games along with Darrian Taylor (part time staff) who has done a great job! At the end of June Dominique Pickett started (new AD) and has established himself very well and caught right on!

#### July

*Minor and Major League Post* - Season Tournament play concluded June 29 and July 14.

*T-Ball and C-Ball* games will begin the week of August 1st. C-Ball games will be played on Monday and Wednesday nights. T-Ball games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. All games will take place at Doak Park. The season will end late August, depending on weather.

*R.E.D. Zone/Flag Football* - Planning for the upcoming football seasons have begun. Ages 9 through 12 will be participating in the R.E.D. ZONE Football League; combination of High Point Parks and Recreation as well as Greensboro Parks and Recreation. Ages 5 through 8 will be participating in our Flag Football League. Both leagues are specifically run by and for Park and Recreation teams only.

### Programs:

#### June

*Summer Camp* - Week 1-4: During these weeks the kids made friends, went on field trips and got to know their counselors. We have a total of 6 counselors and 47 kids when they are all present. The counselors have really stepped up while we have not had a center director. The kids and staff are having a great summer so far!

*Senior Club* - Our Senior Club continues to meet weekly on Wednesday with different social events, field trips and informative meetings!

*Ms. Senior Davidson County* - We had three senior club members compete in the 2022 Ms. Senior Davidson County. They all did a great job and I was happy to be part of this event!

*New Employee Training* - Nick and Dominique started 1 week apart. They have both stepped up the help when needed as well as coming up with their own new ideas. We are looking forward to the fall season and what their additions will bring to the department.

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*Fun on the Run* - These events are every Tuesday during the summer at a different location. The month of June we had multiple activities including canvas painting, the YMCA splash pad and dancing! These events will continue throughout the summer.

## July

*Summer Camp Weeks 5-7*- The kids had two opportunities to cool off in Week 5 with Sunset Slush coming to the facility providing slushies and they also took a field trip to Lexington Splash Pad. They also got the opportunity to visit Thomasville Police Department, participate in an interactive game and viewed a SWAT truck. The following week the campers visited the High Point Children’s Museum, learned a brief lesson on giving flowers to those that they appreciate while they have the opportunity followed by an Arts and Crafts project where they made flowers to give to a loved one, and the week ended with Fitness Friday. The last week of the month will conclude with the kids visiting Davidson-Davie Community College, having a game day and scavenger hunt, visited by Thomasville Police Department and ending the week with a movie and popcorn. We have a total of seven counselors and on average between 35 and 40 kids.

*New Staff on Boarding* - During June and July we had 3 staff members join our team including Dominique Pickett, Nick Williams, and Jermaine Thomas. With initial training and jumping into the team, they have

*Food Truck Fridays* - The community and city employees have been joining us each Friday during the month of July to celebrate Parks and Recreation month with a different food truck and a community paint by numbers mural!

*Fun on the Run* - We have tie-dyed beach towels, face painted, water slide downtown, bubble painted, and enjoyed Italian ice from Sunset Slush! This program continues to grow each week! We have a great group of Volunteers including our Committee Member Kathleen, her husband Rich and many more!

*Youth/Adult Pickleball Clinic* - On Saturday July 23, we held our first Youth/adult Pickleball clinic. We had 9 youths and 12 adults! The cost for the youth was free and \$40 for the adult clinic. With a great turnout, we plan to try to do a clinic quarterly.

*Senior Club* - During the month of July, we have a lot of informational meetings as well as a field trip to the Richard Petty Museum. We see about 50-70 seniors each week at our meetings!

*Fall Artisan Market* – TPRD and Pop-Up Culture Present: to host an Artisan's Market at the Famer’s Market on October 15th. Event Posting and final details to come out soon. There will be spots for 15 vendors.