



# Recreation Committee Meeting

Location: *Recreation Main Office*

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

Date: 4/4/2023

Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)

- i. Call to order/ Welcome
  - ii. Approval of Agenda
  - iii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 03/07/23
  - iv. Public Forum – Please sign up on the Public Forum Signup Sheet. A two-minute time limit will be enforced.
  - v. Agenda Items
    - a) Hi-Toms Organization
    - b) Updates on the Aquatic & Community Center Project
    - c) Myers Park Playground
    - d) Park Audits
  - vi. Reports:
    - a) Division Reports

Response from Committee Members
  - vii. Adjournment:
- The Next Committee Meeting Date: 5/2/2023



## Recreation Committee

### Meeting Minutes

**March 7, 2023**

**Present:**

Colon Starrett, Scott Styers, Bill Tagliaferri, Kevin Leake, Kathleen Sarette and Hunter Thrift

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

**Next meeting:**

April 4, 2022 at the Recreation Main Office

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### Announcements

Colon Starrett called the meeting to order. Colon asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The motion was approved by Scott Styers and seconded by Kathleen Sarette. Colon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Kathleen Sarette 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 parking lot is finally being done and surveyors are out on site. We were waiting on the complete Consensus Elevation Site Plan and we finally received it between our landscape architect and our general contractor; which allowed for them to get all of our elevations correct on the road. They are now digging out Stadium drive for the cut outs and enhancements. They should be done with curb in the parking lot this week and then on Stadium Drive at the end of this week and beginning of next week, which will then allow them to work on the rest of the concrete so that we can get asphalt in the parking lot. We did order some picnic tables for our shelters and they should be on the way. The interior is almost complete, with minor touches that need to be finished. We had a little delay with our AV, so we should have it in by April. We are starting to get into the logistical operations with our staff and we are meeting every Monday to discuss how we are scheduling our camps and clubs swim time, how are we doing lap swimming, public swim, reservations for party rooms, how we are doing general admissions, what the day to day operations will look like. We have already received 50 white and blue strapped pool chairs for the pool deck. We will see a Memorial Day Open swim and we will have to determine between that time when we will have a grand opening and when our programming will start after.
- b. **PLAYGROUNDS** – We found paperwork on Playground Preferred; who installed our playgrounds in 2012 and we can finally get some of our parks looked at and redone if they are needed. The company was able to provide us with each design for our playgrounds and a list of CAD drawings with the item numbers listed to

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determine which piece goes where and what it is called. We were able to take the company around to inspect our playgrounds and because we are still under warranty we will be getting a brand new orange slide at Doak Park because there is a crack in it. They are replacing some of our Decks because there is a 20-year warranty on that and we are also replacing some of our plastic steps because they are starting to crack. We have 3 years left for our playgrounds and now we will identify what else needs to be done to enhance our park systems. They discussed that they had a new product that are solar lights that fit on top of these poles and they are \$100 apiece and you can add them to give them a little glow so that we can have a little security to see what's going on. Myers Park will begin its renovation on April 4<sup>th</sup> and this will be a 2-3-week process and they plan to be done by April 20<sup>th</sup> which is the day of our Party in The Park.

- c. **SPRING PROGRAMMING** – February was Black History Month and we had a drive thru event at the clock tower and was able to give all of our after school kids a bag as well. We took some of our Senior Club Members to the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum and they truly enjoyed it. She was the first African American woman to start education in Guilford County and had a private school and she started it at the age of 19 years old. We hope to be able to take our afterschool kids there as well. We also had a Valentine's Day Pop Luck with our senior club and our story walk for this month is Mae Among the Stars who was the first African American woman to become an astronaut. On March 18<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Stone Mountain State Park and our Recreation Specialist Nick has a trail loop for 4.5 miles and this event is free. Our Appreciation Banquet will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6PM – 8PM and we look forward to honoring those who have dedicated their time to volunteer and work for our department. We are planning for our Spring Break Camp which will be April 10 – 14. Pickleball is still ongoing and we have 53 registered members and we partnered with Senior Games throughout the month of April and May to participate. Parents Night Out will be on March 24<sup>th</sup> and our Center Director Jermaine will be hosting this for the second time. This event is open to the public to register. We also have an Hiring Event for the new Aquatics center that will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 12PM – 2PM. This is for anyone who is interested in becoming a life guard or wanting to work at our new pool. We are also having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Myers park on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9AM – 12PM and that is divided up into sections by age group.

After no further business, Colon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2023 at Recreation Main Office at 12:00PM.



## Programs/Athletics Report March 2023

### Athletics:

**Soccer:** There are approximately 200 soccer participants registered throughout our three divisions: Kiddie Kickers - Ages 5-6 (67 participants / 6 teams); Mighty Mites - Ages 7-9 (77 participants / 6 teams); Premier League - Ages 10-12 (56 participants / 4 teams).

**Adult Open Gym:** There are approximately 25 basketball participants registered for our Adult Open Gym Basketball program. This program is for adults 25 and older and began on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm at Central Recreation Center.

### Programs:

**Aquatics Center Programing:** The summer camp schedule for camps is complete we are and working up contract agreements for the YMCA and the Boys & Girls club (will expect many campers this summer. We now have in two swim meets on the schedule with a possibility of hosting a high school swim team. Hosted our first hiring event with Aquatech, and was able to get 4 applications in for our facility staff. Regular schedule weekly meetings.

**Outdoor Adventure Programs:** We had the very first Thomasville Parks & Recreation outdoor program Hike at Stone Mountain State Park. We had three Participants that really enjoyed the experience.

**Spring break Camp:** Scheduling and registrations are going on now and looking forward to a fun week in April

**Park Trail Story Walk:** We put out "Eric and Julieta" and story about a brother and sister. This book has Spanish translation.

**Senior Club:** Our senior club continues to meet each week at our Ball Park Community Center, over the past few meetings we have seen around 64-75 people in attendance. The group is growing and field trips are filling up fast! Please join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM for our TRPD Senior Club Annual Cookout!

**Appreciation Banquet:** The Annual Appreciation Banquet was held on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>! Thank you to everyone who was able to come, we had a great time and enjoyed being able to award 6 people who have helped our department in a tremendous way through the 2022 year.

**Party in the Park:** Planning for the Spring Party in the Park started with a community partner meeting! There was very good input for additions this year. The event will be held at Myers Park 401 Mason Way on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM! We will also have the ribbon cutting for the brand new playground that is set to start installing on Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**Pickleball**- Pickleball numbers are still growing strong and hosted a pickleball clinic on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Central Recreation Center** - We have hosted our first 3 weeks of Basketball Open Gym on Wednesdays from 6-8pm and each week the numbers are growing. On the first week we had 13 sign-up, the following week we had 18 and the final week we had 26. As we continue to promote and word of mouth continues the numbers will continue to grow.

**Kids Night Out** - On March 24 we hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Kids Night Out from 6-9pm where we supplied plenty of recreational activities, movie, popcorn, pizza, snacks and drinks. We had around 38 kids in attendance.