



Recreation Committee Meeting

Location: Thomasville Aquatics and Community Center

(20 Stadium Dr., Thomasville, NC 27360)

Date: 8/1/2023

Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)

- i. Call to order/ Welcome
- ii. Approval of Agenda
- iii. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 04/04/23
- iv. Public Forum – Please sign up on the Public Forum Signup Sheet. A two-minute time limit will be enforced.
- v. Agenda Items
 - a) Recreation Master Plans
 - b) Summer Updates
- vi. Reports:
 - a) Division Reports

Response from Committee Members
- vii. Adjournment:

The Next Committee Meeting Date: 9/5/2023



Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023

Present:

Jarrold Dunbar, Scott Styers, Bill Tagliaferri, Steve Bare, Kevin Leake, Justin Finch, Kathleen Sarette and Hunter Thrift

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

Next meeting:

June 6, 2022 at the Recreation Main Office

Announcements

Jarrold Dunbar called the meeting to order. Jarrold asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The motion was approved by Kathleen Sarette and seconded by Bill Tagliaferri. Jarrold asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Bill Tagliaferri and seconded by Kevin Leake. The motion was carried unanimously. There was no one who signed up for the Public Forum.

Agenda Items

- a. **HI-TOMS ORGANIZATION** – The Hi-Toms are a lease of the property at Finch Field during exclusive times and also tenants of the office space on the other side of the Ball Park Community Center throughout the year. It is a lease and contract negotiation for his organization and the City. We have had many improvements such as re-roofing the shelter on site, added a new fence and we plan to paint the scoreboard as well. We want all of our spaces to look as good as possible.
- b. **UPDATES ON THE AQUATIC & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT** – We have curb at the facility now and that is completing construction. The island at the top of Stadium Drive was curbed yesterday and you will see all of the insets and enhancements to stadium drive being laid out this week and once the curb is poured that's our asphalt backfilling. We will asphalt all of the parking lot and once that is complete the property will get the landscaping done and that will complete the project. The estimated completion date will be April 14th for all asphaltting and paving. The interior is complete as well as the pool deck and surrounding areas are completely done. The next meeting will hopefully be a ribbon cutting ceremony and we will hopefully be able to transition to the facility with all committee meetings being hosted there. The department has a weekly TACC meeting to discuss logistics and continue to plan the day to day operation schedule once the pool is open and ready. Our Recreation Specialist has already lined up multiple camps and organizations that will be on our schedule who will be at the pool; summer camp program, the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club and a local swim team called the Water Dawgs. We have made internal employment for our front desk and concession workers and we are holding Job Fair events for AquaTech to hire lifeguards and managers.

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- c. **MYERS PARK PLAYGROUND** – The entire old structure for the playground is gone and they have cleared the area for the new playground installation. Barrs Recreation is the company that removed and will be grading and installing our new playground. Following that; 8in curb is laid and then the rubber surface will be after. The company wants to be off site after this week. The old water fountain has been removed and the plumbing for the new water fountain (bottle filler/pet fountain) that was provided by the Rotary Club and Thomasville Community Foundation will be installed as well as the playground. We did identify warranty with Playground Preferred; who installed our previous playgrounds; so Doak park will get new slides and pipes soon and those items have arrived at no cost. The ribbon cutting will be held at The Party at the Park on Thursday April 20th and we will start promptly at 5PM so we can let the kids play.
- d. **PARK AUDITS** – Scott Styers went and checked on Myers park and did acknowledge that we do need better bathrooms and a new concession stand for operation. He did state that the traffic is great and there are a lot of people who go to that park to use the fields; which are 40 years old but it needs more work that has never been done. The department has multiple Travel Baseball Teams that frequent these ball fields weekly and we try to fix as much as possible. The RFQ for our master plan will go out April 14th for submittals and we will be able to review those and interview the candidates who would make the best fit for our community; so these park audits will help identify our park needs.

After no further business, Colon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2023 at The Thomasville Aquatics and Community Center at 12:00PM.



Programs/Athletics Reports Summer 2023

Programs:

TACC – The Thomasville Aquatics and Community Center is still operating daily. The schedule will remain the same until August 21st. After August 21st our pool will only operate on the weekends. The last day of the pool is Monday September 4th which is Labor Day. The aquatics staff and lifeguards continue to work diligently!

Summer Camp – Our summer camp currently has 55 kids enrolled. The camp operates daily from 7:30AM-5:30PM Monday- Friday. The kids attend the aquatics center three times a week while going on other fields trips and meeting with TPD each Thursday!

Fun on the Run – Each Tuesday during the summer we host our Fun on the Run program. This program is at different parks throughout the city. We have partnered with Thomasville Police Department for tons of fun activities. This partnership has been tremendous throughout the summer and had been great for our community!

Senior Club – Our senior club continues to meet weekly and going on monthly fieldtrips. We have our week-long trip to Nashville, TN coming up September 11th-15th!

Center Director – We would like to welcome our new Center Director, Tommy Oliver. Tommy has worked part time for us for many years and we are excited for Tommy in his new Role. He will oversee Summer Camp, After School Program as well as the daily operations at our Central Recreation Center.

Multicultural Event – On Saturday June 24th we hosted our first multicultural event at PACE Park. We had 5 different group perform including Mexican Traditional, Pasefika Fusion, Elliott Family Pipers, Lexington Cambodian Center, Kenyan Safari Acrobats and 3 food trucks! We look forward to building on the program next year.

Culinary Outreach with Outstanding Kids C.O.O.K. – We partnered with the Thomasville Rotary Club and ReVILLEing for our biannual cooking class. The kids made their own fast-food meals with a healthy twist. This included homemade bark, banana tacos and airfried chicken nuggets.

Water Safety Day – WSD is an annual partnership with Tom A. Finch YMCA and Thomasville Fire and Rescue to ensure safety skills around open bodies of water. We had 40 children attend this program hosted at the YMCA.

Senior Games – SG concluded in May. Our Central Recreation Center hosted Opening Ceremonies, cornhole, horseshoes, basketball shoot while assisting with other offsite games.

Food Truck Fridays – These events have continued to be annual to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month in downtown Thomasville with a food truck each week.

County Swim Meet – Our Thomasville Aquatics and Community Center hosted its first 2-day county swim meet. There was a terrific response from the participants and leaders. We look forward to hosting more swim meets in the future years to come!

Cheerleading – We had started registrations for 3 different cheerleading squads for the 2023 Season! All of our coaches are returning and excited for this season.

Pickleball/Open Gym – Continues to operate daily from 8AM-12:30PM

Athletics

Baseball - There are approximately 230 (243 including Lexington Parks and Rec.) baseball participants registered throughout our three divisions: AA (T-Ball) - Ages 4-6 (93 participants / 8 teams); AAA (Machine Pitch) - Ages 7-9 (72 participants / 5 teams); Major League - Ages 10-12 (65 (76) participants / 4 teams (5 teams); Lexington Major League team (13 participants / 1 team).

Adult Basketball - There are approximately 42 basketball participants registered for our Adult Open Gym Basketball program. This program is for adults 25 and older and began on Wednesday, March 15th from 6:00-8:00pm at Central Recreation Center.

Football - There are approximately 99 football participants registered throughout our three divisions: Flag Football - Ages 5-8 (49 participants); 10u RED Zone - Ages 9-10 (25 participants / 8 participants on waiting list); 12u RED Zone - Ages 11-12 (13 participants / 0 participants on waiting list).