



Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes
March 13, 2023



Board Member Attendance:

Ianta Burks, Chairman	BOC Chairman Appointee	Present
Ronald Miller	District 1 Appointee	Present
Rickey Lovelace	District 2 Appointee	Absent
Carlos Benifield, Vice Chair	District 3 Appointee	Present
Tyrone Dillard	District 4 Appointee	Present
Carlos Frazier	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Absent
Vacant	Parks and Recreation / At Large	Vacant

Guest Attendance:

Troy Hodges	Director/Parks and Recreation	Present
Tiffany Moen	Deputy Office Administrator	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ianta Burks called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and thanked advisory members for attending. Notice to the public was posted on the Clayton County Parks and Recreation website and social media.

Vice Chair Burks welcomed the newest board members, and all board members were given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

II. RECOGNIZE CITIZENS/PUBLIC COMMENT

No citizens were present.

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The July 19, 2021 Minutes were presented to the Board for review, discussion, and approval. No revisions noted. Carlos Benifield made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Ronald Miller seconded the Motion. All in favor; no objections. The Motion was approved.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Selection of an Advisory Board Chairman

Vice Chair Burks reported the board is currently without a Chairman. She opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Tyrone Dillard nominated Ianta Burks and Mr. Carlos Benifield seconded the nomination. All were in favor; no objections. Nomination for Ianta Burks to fill the vacant Chairman position was approved.

With Ms. Burks becoming the Chairman, the Vice Chair position was then vacant. Chairman Burks nominated Mr. Carlos Benifield as the Vice Chair and Mr. Ronald Miller seconded the nomination. All were in favor; no objections. Nomination for Carlos Benifield to fill the vacant Vice Chair position was approved.

B. Summer Camp Fees

Director Hodges presented the fees for summer camp 2023. He informed the board that the fee for in-county will be \$55.00/week and non-county will be \$110.00/week. The non-county fee was increased to allow more spots for in-county who have the lower fee. Summer camp will be at all recreation centers with approximately 50-60 kids per center. The board reviewed various questions about the fees and asked if in-county residents could be given an opportunity to register prior to non-county residents. Director Hodges will check on this option.

C. Spivey Splash Fees

Director Hodges presented the fees for Spivey Splash for 2023. There is no child rate this year; all guests may the same \$20.00 rate except seniors/veterans pay \$15.00 rate; and children under 2 are free. Director Hodges also informed the fees for season passes and gave the sale date for prior season pass holders, residents, and non-county residents and that season passes are limited to 1000. He also reviewed other rental options available. Board members asked questions about the capacity. Chairman Burks asked at if the board could visit Spivey Splash at the next meeting and Director Hodges said yes and that the board could have the meeting there. Mr. Dillard questioned whether Spivey Splash generated revenue or operated at deficit. Director Hodges stated the waterpark is generating revenue.

D. Sign Ethics Disclosure Forms

Ms. Moen asked if there are any board members that did not complete the Ethics Disclosure Form for 2023 and provided forms for them. She notarized the forms and will forward them to the BOC Clerk. Director Hodges informed the new board members that they will get \$100.00 per meeting. Ms. Moen will forward instructions how to register as a vendor and follow up with the Clerk about how payments are completed.

E. Advisory Board 2023 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Moen provided options for the 2023 board meeting calendar including quarterly, bimonthly, and monthly. The board members discussed the options and determined that since they have not met in a while and there are two new members, they want to meet monthly on the third Monday of the month and all agreed. Ms. Moen pointed out that in June that is a county holiday and board members opted to skip meeting for the month of June.

V. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Troy Hodges thanked the Board for their dedication to Clayton County Parks and Recreation and provided an update on current projects and events related to Clayton County Parks and Recreation. Director Hodges informed the Board of the following:

- VIP complex renovations are complete and now known as the Lakeview Event Center. The stadium at the VIP complex still pending a total modification to the amphitheater but plans are finished.
- Rivers Edge Greenway has Phase 1 and 2 walking trails completed. Phase 3 design is completed and going out for bid.
- Board members were given the yearly calendar of events.
- The dress code policy was distributed for board members review and the standard for employees is business casual.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Chairman Burks asked about ID cards for the new members. Director Hodges said that the cards are not used any longer but key fobs are issued instead. Ms. Moen will get key fobs issued for all board members.

- B. Chairman Burks mentioned that board member meetings previously rotated between the recreation centers. All members agreed to continue this option and at each meeting the board will determine the location for the next meeting.
- C. Chairman Burks asked about business cards for board members. Ms. Moen will ensure that all board members have business cards ordered.
- D. Mr. Miller referred to the county strategic plan regarding Parks and Recreation and the pillars is the department working towards.
- E. Director Hodges mentioned that Grant Road Park now has a dog park and additional grants have been submitted for pocket parks throughout the county.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Clayton County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.