

Iredell County Parks & Recreation Department
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
September 2, 2021 - 7:00 PM
via Webex

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Thorson, Carlos Navedo, Deb Tatu, Gene Houpe, Melissa Simmons, Ronda Hoke, Wesley Davidson

STAFF PRESENT: Jen Winters, Stacy McGlamery

Jen Winters: Wesley, bear with me if go not quite in the right order of things while I fill in for Michelle today. We will go ahead and get started. I will introduce myself first and then I will hand it over to you Wes. Is that good?

Wesley Davidson: Yes. Works for me.

Jen Winters: I have met most of you. There is a face or two or a name or two that I may not have met in person before. My name is Jen Winters. I am the Assistant Director with Iredell County Parks and Rec. I have been with the count going on 17 plus years so I have been around for a while. In 2018, I became the assistant director. I am filling in for Michelle tonight. She is unavailable on vacation. Apologies in advance if I do not quite get it as detailed as it may typically be or if I do not know the answers to all the questions. I will certainly try my best. If there is anything that I am not able to answer then we will take your questions and pass them along to whoever can be the one to help answer those. Wes, I guess if you are ready for any other introductions in the welcome . . .

Wesley Davidson: Thank you Jen. Welcome everybody. Glad everybody was able to make it. Barb, would you mind opening us with a prayer?

Barb Thorson: Yes.

Wesley Davidson: Thank you.

Barb Thorson: I would just like to thank you, Dear God, for having us here tonight. That we can assemble. Please give us guidance so that we might make great decisions for the citizens of Iredell County. Please be with Michelle as she is on vacation. Bring her back safely Dear God for everything. Amen.

Wesley Davidson: Amen. Stacy are you able to hear us all right?

Stacy McGlamery: no audio (thumbs up).

Wesley Davidson: All right. Thank you. We do not have any requests to speak so we will move to the approval of minutes. Were there any questions or comments about the minutes that were sent out? (pause).

Ronda Hoke: I make a motion to approve the minutes.

Wesley Davidson: I have a motion from Ronda.

Carlos Navedo: I second.

Wesley Davidson: Who was the second?

Carlos Navedo: Carlos

Wesley Davidson: Carlos. Thank you Carlos. We have a motion and a second. If there is not further discussion, all those in favor say “Aye” or raise your hand. (Pause) Any opposed? “Nay”. Motion passes.

Ronda Hoke made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2021 meeting. Carlos Navedo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Davidson: We will move on to staff reports and Jen.



Iredell County Parks & Recreation Staff and Park Reports for Recreation Advisory Board

September 2, 2021

STAFF				
Sports Events & Facilities Mgt	Programming	Recreation Center	Parks Grounds	Admin
Vacancy Marty Haneline	Jen Winters Katie Barr Haley Joyner Vacancy	James Huffman Ronda Benfield	Micah Deane Nelson Fox Scotty Harris Jordan Lail Ben Liles	Michelle Hepler Stacy McGlamery

HIGHLIGHTS

Administration:

- Prepared and presented Cost Recovery Model draft to BOC on 8/17. Request was tabled
- Prepared and presented Iredell Mooresville Greenway connection presentations for BOC; Request to apply for CRTPO grant was approved
- Attended CRTPO mandatory webinar for grant applicants
- Coordinated effective transition of Ben Liles from Facility Services to Parks and Recreation
- Conducted quarterly staff meeting
- Reviewed Wetland Delineation Report in preparation for Jennings Park Phase I; mitigation or site plan revisions will be required.
- Met with Budget Analyst to discuss Capital Improvement Plan needs for park projects over next several years

- Provided departmental updates to Administration for 2020/2021 Strategic Goals
- Finalized Public Records Request; saved data to thumb drive and delivered to Government Center for pick up
- Appointed by Statesville City Council to the SVL Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors
- Met on Monday, August 23rd with County Planning and City of Statesville Planning/Recreation to discuss Carolina Thread Trail connection from Bigleaf Slopes to Broad Street terminus.
- Submitted three presentation proposals for workshop sessions for ACCT conference in February; approved

Sports Events, & Facilities Mgt:

- Revised Athletic Director Job Description to be more sports events and facility focused. Currently reviewing first round of "most qualified applicants" routed by HR (13). Establishing interview team to review, screen and support selection process.
- Michelle is receiving all athletic emails and directing to various staff, covering responsibilities during position vacancy
- Michelle continues to execute and finalize MOA's and paperwork from Non-Profit Associations planning to use county facilities for sports leagues this fall
- Directing staff to coordinate reservation requests from non-profits for field use reservations
- Michelle is acting supervisor for both full time and part time employees who reported to Daniel.
- Continue to coordinate NCYSA Charter responsibilities (three full time staff members are working in various capacities to fulfill the roles required to manage the charter)

Programming:

- Summer Camps
 - Completed on August 13. Had 9 weeks of camp, started June 7 (no camp July 5-9)
 - 3 locations used: Brawley IB School in Mooresville (max 40 kids), the Iredell County Recreation Center in Troutman (max 20), and East Iredell Elementary School in Statesville (max 20)
 - Staff: Several full-time and part-time staff assisted in covering in the camp programs the last several weeks, due to staffing shortages with camp counselors
 - Participation: Mooresville averaged 96% capacity, Troutman averaged 93% capacity, and Statesville averaged 44% capacity. (Registrations were higher prior to last-minute cancellations)
- Outdoor Programs
 - Ropes Challenge Course @ Jennings Park:
 - August programs: 8/20 (adult group), 8/21 (Open House)
 - Still trying to hire additional facilitators to cover programs. Very little response and/or qualified applicants to job openings.
 - Annual staff training that was planned for September was cancelled due to staff shortage/availability

- Archery: Registration is open for the fall archery series (6 progressive classes, 90 minutes each) starting September 14. Current enrollment is 70% full (7 of 10)
- Canoeing: Instructor training on 8/25 was cancelled due to staff shortage/availability
- Environmental Education:
 - “Little Explorers youth hikes” meet month from Sept-Nov) 2 of 6 spots filled
 - Guided Nature Hike to be offered on October 9
- Adult Programs
 - Day trip to Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden completed on 8/18 with 16 registrants
 - Distributed newsletter for October-December trips
- Special Events
 - Big Rig Day @ Jennings Park had 1,034 attendees from 10am-1pm (free)
 - Family Movie Night: 8/20- “Moana” had 60 tickets sold. Last movie of the season
- Miscellaneous
 - Created a departmental newsletter, which began distribution in August

Recreation Center:

- Iredell Fitness Festival with Camp Gladiator.
 - 10 participants.
- Swim lessons
 - Group – 28 participants for the season
 - Private – 20 participants for the season
- New Member Packets are now given to people sign up for memberships their first time.
- The Red Cross blood drive collected 20 pints of blood, which may have saved or sustained 60 lives!
- Updated internal Iredell County Employee discounted membership flyer and shared with departments.
- Marketing for Youth Fitness Classes
 - Mondays: Girls’ Fitness Connection 3:30-4:30PM 9/13/21-11/8/21.
 - Tuesdays:
 - 1) Little Tots Fitness (preschool age) 2:00-2:45PM, 9/13/21-11/8/21.
 - 2) Girls’ Fitness Connection for Boys & Girls Club 3:30-4:30PM: 9/13/21-11/8/21.
 - Thursdays:
 - 1) Little Tots Fitness (preschool age) 2:00-2:45PM, 9/13/21-11/8/21.
 - 2) Boys’ Fitness Connection for Boys & Girls Club 3:30-4:30PM, 9/13/21-11/8/21.

	August	Total to Date 2021
Membership Category:		
*Regular Membership		409
County Employees		16
Corporate		3
Insurance	-	149
Partnered Membership	-	39
Pool Passes	-	25
Current Membership accounts:		641
Total Individuals in all membership categories (including children under the age of 14)		1,044
Pool Drop Ins (Including groups, lessons & rentals)	1457	4,972
\$5 Drop In Registrants	228	1,020
Group Exercise Attendance		
7/28/2021 through 8/24/2021	528	4,626
Total Check Ins (including pool)	3,646	22,634
7/28/2021 through 8/24/2021		
Child Watch	Closed	
Report Run on 8/25/2021		
*Annual Family County & Corporate memberships are included with Regular memberships due to reports		

Park Properties:

- Orientation for new Parks Grounds Specialist completed
- Inspected and repaired player benches at Stumpy Creek
- Chemical application of fields and beds completed
- Completion of sand application and restoration at Stumpy Creek Soccer fields (SISA made \$3,600 donation)
- Damage assessment after recent storms (trails and typical erosion prone areas)
- Researching kayak launch design options

- Consideration of shoreline restoration / ADA fishing improvements at Stumpy Creek – meeting with community member for suggestions and funding options
- Repair work on gate at Stumpy Creek Maintenance entrance completed
- ADA improvements at Jennings Park continue to slowly be completed; follow up with Project Manager was on 8/25/21
- Support for Batting Cage installation; setting poles on 8/23
- Completed re-organization of maintenance shop at Stumpy Creek Park

Park Reservations for the month of: AUGUST		
Park	Amount of Reservations	Total Participation
Bigleaf Slopes	0	-
East Iredell Lions Club Community Park	3	150
Jennings (Fields only, w/o Ropes Course)	57	1,283
Jennings (Other/Special Events)	1	1,034
Outdoor Education Center at Jennings Park	2	20
Rec Center Field	19	972
Rec Center Gymnasium	11	220
Scotts Rosenwald Community Building	4	145
Scotts Rosenwald (Fields Only)	0	0
Stumpy Creek (Fields and Shelters)	208	4,680
Stumpy Creek Disc Golf Course	0	356
Stumpy Creek Boat Landing	0	7,799
Totals	305	16,659

UPCOMING DELIVERABLES

Admin:

- Continue to address immediate needs as a result of AD vacancy (NCYSA)
- CRTPO next steps – letters to jurisdictions requesting support; mailing on 8/27/21
coordination of mandatory meeting with Planning Departments and CRTPO board members
- Meeting with Budget Analyst to discuss future CIP projects for parks and recreation
- Reviewing potential projects with Finance Director for qualification for ARP funding
- Regular meeting with Finance team to identify and justify viable projects and programming eligible for ARP funding.
- Continue to develop strategies for addressing Wetland Delineation Report with mitigation and / or design modifications per guidelines of Army Corp of Engineers, per report.
- Coordinating conventional survey of wetland specific areas within park boundary of Jennings Park

- Review team for RFQ process with Project Manager for potential sewer line project
- Further coordination and review of feasibility study for CTT segment between Broad Street and Bigleaf Slopes.

Sports Events & Facilities Mgt:

- Divisional Name transition – in from “Athletics” to “Sports, Events, and Facilities”
- Selection process for position vacancy
- Continued collection of MOA’s and documentation for fall facility usage
- Administrative support to IMPACT for Fall Season for risk management and registrar questions
- Developing report generation for facility reservations; practices and games, to be distributed weekly to Parks Grounds Manager and Parks Grounds Specialists for field preparation and coordination of work

Programming:

- Departmental newsletter (monthly)- next distribution is September
- Outdoor Programs: fall archery series, Little Explorers, OEC programs 9/17 and 9/29
- Adult Day trips: October- December trip registration opens September 2
- Interviews for Seasonal Outdoor Program Instructor (extended closing date to 8/31 due to low number of applicants)
- Inventory system tracking (revised target Sept 15)
- Updated Departmental Policies and Procedures (revised target August 30)

Recreation Center:

- Marketing of the nutrition class “Med Instead of Meds”
- Marketing of “Fall Back Into Fitness Challenge”
- List of Center equipment, installation date and expected life span.
- Collecting quotes for stripping, waxing the Recreation Center VCT floors.

Park Properties:

- East Iredell Lions Club Community Park – multi-purpose field spray out and restoration project
- Continued maintenance and trail work along OEC boundaries at Jennings Park
- Fertilize baseball fields; overseed Graham Field at Stumpy Creek
- Searching for cost estimates for paving walking trail at Stumpy Creek park to become ADA compliant
- Complete overhaul of landscape bed in front of Recreation Center to remove existing bushes, which block building view and are high maintenance. Replacing with smaller growth species as a low maintenance option.

PAST DELIVERABLES

Administration:

- Policies – Vendor, Advertising, Concession Stand Use, Rockets and Drones
- Waiting on master project schedule from Stewart / Jennings Park Phase 1
- Annual cost estimate for field preparation at Coddle Creek Elementary / Presbyterian Road Park (researching data for potential use)

Sports Events & Facilities Mgt:

- Jennings Park storage- cleanout & move inventory
- Cost Estimate to replace soft toss at Stumpy Creek Park

Programming:

- Scotts storage- inventory

Recreation Center:

- Ordering uniforms for the Day Porter position.

Park Properties:

- Surplus items that need to be tagged and delivered to county surplus

CALENDAR: EVENTS & PROGRAMS

DATE	Event	Division
Aug 29	Pool Rental	Rec Center
Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3	"Little Explorers" hiking program	Programming
Sept 5, 12:30-1pm	Baptismal at Pool, before operating hours	Rec Center
Sep 6	Last day the pool is open for the season.	Rec Center
Sept 9 – Nov 20	Soccer Shots – Fall Session	Rec Center
Sept 13 – Nov 8	Youth Fitness Classes	Rec Center
Sep 13	Explore Archery Series (1 of 6)	Programming
Sep 14	Rescheduled mammogram screenings	Rec Center
Sep16	Day Trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre	Programming
Sep 17	Ropes Course Challenge Program	Programming
Sep 20	Explore Archery Series (2 of 6)	Programming
Sep 25	"Bark in the Park" event @ Stumpy Creek Park (10-2)	Programming
Sep 25	Iredell County Job Fair at Signal Hill Mall	
Sep 27	Explore Archery Series (3 of 6)	Programming
Sep 29	Ropes Course Challenge Program	Programming
Month of Oct	Fall Back Into Fitness Challenge	Rec Center
Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28	"Med Instead of Meds"	Rec Center

Jen Winters: Did everyone receive the email with approximately six pages of staff reports? I am going to just kind of go through generally. Pulling out of categories see if anybody has any questions about specific topics within that section that you would like to discuss. Let me know if you have questions along the way. There are a few updates as we go through with some participation number and things like that that we will provide. Otherwise, just let me know if there is a particular bullet point that you would like to go more in depth with. For the highlights section, we will start with the administration updates. There is a lot of content, a lot of projects and things happening. Are there any questions about any of those items? (Pause) On quick update that I will provide in that section, Michelle had attended a meeting on August 23 in regards to a Carolina Thread Trail connection from Bigleaf Slopes Park to the Broad Street terminus. There are two new developments that will have some greenway length included; approximately 3,400 feet would be included with those two developments. The total distance from Bigleaf to the Greenbriar section is 1.4 miles. They are meeting in hopes to make that connection for the thread trail. There are no questions for administration highlights, we will continue on with sports, events and facilities management. This is a new title. It used to be titled the athletic section. With Daniel's departure a few weeks ago and the positing of his position, that title has changed since we have moved away from programming with athletics and leagues. It is now Sports, Events and Facilities Manager. We hope to fill that position by early October. Michelle has received the applications from HR and is in the process of establishing a team to do the interviews and review those applications over the next week few week.

Deb Tatu: Jen, this is Debra. I have a question.

Jen Winters: Ok.

Deb Tatu: I think that I am helping to look at those resumes. I got this email from Michelle. It said Sports, Events and Facilities Manager encrypt. I did not click on it because I am super cautious of clicking on emails that I do not know what they are. My question is . . . was that a legitimate email of something to click a secure message of some sort.

Jen Winters: More than likely. The "encrypt" is just a security thing for confidential information and things like that. I do not anticipate that there . . . if it came from Michelle and otherwise does not look suspicious I would assume that it is fine.

Deb Tatu: Ok. All right. I just wanted to verify that she actually sent something.

Jen Winters: Stacy, can you confirm?

Stacy McGlamery: Hey Deb. I got copied on that email also. It is legitimate. Encrypt is what the county asks us to put on sensitive information to secure it via email. You are good.

Deb Tatu: Ok. I did not open it because I was not sure.

Barb Thorson: What they will do too is then they will ask you information and they will email you a number to put in in order to access the documents.

Deb Tatu: Got you.

Barb Thorson: But it is safe.

Deb Tatu: Ok. Got you. Thank you. That is what I wanted to make sure of.

Jen Winters: Any other questions related to sports, events or facility management section? The programming section highlights. Any questions with those? (Pause) Moving on to recreation center updates. We did update some of the data in the table. For group exercise attendance, that was blank in the original copy that you received. The exercise attendance from July 28 through August 24 should be 528. The total to date would be 4,626. Moving right along, if there are no more questions for the Rec Center . . . park property updates. We also have some updates regarding reservations for the month of August. In this section, for Jennings Park we have. . . let me verify here. I want to make sure I am looking at the correct revision here. We have got Jennings fields only without ropes course, 57 reservations for August. Total participation is 1,283. For the outdoor education center at Jennings Park there were two reservations with 20 participants. One thing to note that is not included on this table is we also had a special event in August at Jennings Park, not on the fields. We had our Big Rig Day, which had 1,034 participants in three hours. We are super proud of that. I want to make sure that even if it is not listed on the table that you guys are aware that that happened and we had an amazing turn out for that.

Deb Tatu: What was the event?

Jen Winters: It was called Big Rig Day. It is like a touch a truck.

Deb Tatu: Oh my gosh. That is amazing.

Jen Winters: We did not anticipate that it would be as large as it was so it was just Haley and I with 1,000 people.

Deb Tatu: Wow. That is interesting that that kind of event attracted so many people.

Jen Winters: Apparently, it caught fire in the mom groups on Facebook. People were sharing it and tagging friends. It is mostly pre-school age and some young elementary ages that attended. It was fun. It was hot. It was good. We were definitely blown out of the water with how many people showed up for that.

Deb Tatu: Note to self for a next time where you can advertise your services and the gym and all that good stuff.

Jen Winters: Well that was at Jennings Park so we actually used that big gravel parking area. Most of that was for the actually vehicles. We had fire truck, dump trucks, Sheriff's department brought some really cool utility assault vehicles. We had our LTV. There was a tractor, a bucket truck, police car, all kinds of good stuff. Because it was so successful, we have talked about adding some additional vehicles, adding vendors or booths for business to come out and promote things. We definitely have to look at parking with that many people. We were parking them wherever we could put them. If we have access, we will park them on the outfield on the baseball fields.

Deb Tatu: Good problem to have.

Jen Winters: It was. It was. For sure. I am going to keep going through those numbers. The rec center field for reservations, we had 19 in the month of August with a total participation of 972. The rec center gym we had 11 reservations with 220 participants. Scotts Rosenwald is correct with what you received for the community building. Fields only . . . it was listed as zero and that is also correct. For Stumpy Creek Park

fields and shelters, we had 208 reservations with 4,680 participants that is with baseball and soccer practices basically daily. Stumpy Creek disc golf course and boat landing we added new categories for these because we have some TRAFx counters that have been stationed at the park. (They) count each time somebody goes by. The golf course . . . disc golf course for August had 356 counts. The boat landing itself had 7,779. Pretty incredible and it data that we did not have before. We are pretty excited to be able to kind of back up the need and usage for this facility by having that. I talked with Michelle today. It is on the radar to get one of these counters for Bigleaf Slopes as well. That is a facility that we do not really rent out and have reservations for but we know people are attending but we do not have a way to calculate that. We want to get one of those for Bigleaf Slopes as well. Any questions about the reservation numbers or anything else with park properties. Moving on to the upcoming deliverables section . . . for administration, I have one note. Michelle let me know that there is a Jennings Park focus group scheduled for September 14. (Pause) I do not have any other updates in the sports, events and facilities, programming, rec center or park properties for upcoming. Are there any questions for those sections? (Pause) All right. Past deliverables, I also do not have any updates to that. Are there any questions for past deliverables? For calendar events and programs, that is the last section. All right. That wraps up the staff and park reports. There is nothing else to discuss there. Moving on to old business Wes. Is that okay?

Wesley Davidson: in audible affirmative

Jen Winters: I do have some updates for Jennings Park phase 1. This is from what Michelle has given me and what we have talked about. So, if there are very specific questions here, I will try to answer if I can. One update is there has been a change from a septic system to sewer connecting to the city and also tying into or adding a water line extension to Iredell Water. They are working right now to finalize the funding but some of that will be ARP eligible, including the water line extension. Part of the American Rescue Plan. That is an exciting update. Hopefully that will save some money there especially with any potential funding. Another update is there has been an RFQ for the sewer and water extension that ended on August 31. Michelle has been asked by the finance department to sit on the selection committee for those contractors. Third update for Jennings Park, phase 1 is . . . there has been a wetland delineation report done by Wetland and Waters, which is the firm name. They have identified three ephemeral streams, which are lead in streams and two tributaries on the property. There were three wetland areas that were identified that will need to be mitigated or avoided as far as the plan for development. We should show mid-September if the Army Corp of Engineers will be regulating that wetland process. In the meantime, Michelle is proceeding with having the survey done for those identified areas of the park. Any questions?

Wesley Davidson: Did she say what kind . . . or what part of the park that was? I imagine it is down in the lower land.

Jen Winters: She said showed me the map. From what I can tell, everything is on the purchased property section. It is not in the existing Babe Ruth section that was donated. It is all in the other part. There is one part that is up top close to where the four baseball fields are planned. There is one sort of in the middle of the tree line, which currently did not have anything major as far as field on that one. And then the third is in the far bottom corner of the property. That does not look to be as big of an issue.

Wesley Davidson: Thank you.

Jen Winters: Any other questions on Phase 1 update? (Pause) The second item for old business is Master Plan Leadership Team update. There is a meeting scheduled with that team on September 15. That is all I have for old business.

Wesley Davidson: Okay. We can go ahead and move into new business.

Jen Winters: The item of new business to discuss is the vacancy of this board from Chris Campbell's departure.

Stacy McGlamery: Could I interrupt for a minute? We should have noted at the beginning of the meeting that there was a change to agenda. This is not on the agenda that was sent on Friday.

Jen Winters: OK. This was added and included in the email that Stacy sent this afternoon.

Gene Houpe: I make a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Jen Winters: Is that Mr. Houpe?

Ronda Hoke: I will second that.

Wesley Davidson: second from Ronda. All those in favor say, "Aye". (Pause) Opposes, "Nay". Motion passes. Thank you. I am sorry I missed that.

Gene Houpe made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Ronda Hoke seconds the motion.

Jen Winters: Thanks for keeping us straight there Stacy. Included in Stacy's email was quick reference to the bylaws for the Board. One thing as far as making sure that the candidate is an Iredell County resident as well as the attempt to get candidates from various areas of the county so that we have a board that is representative from not only locations but backgrounds and experiences, as well. That is just something a quick reminder as we go through looking to fill this vacancy. We did receive an application yesterday from Brad Johnson. It was attached to the email that Stacy sent this afternoon.

Stacy McGlamery: Ben Johnson.

Jen Winters: I am sorry. Did I say Brad?

Stacy McGlamery: Yes.

Jen Winters: Sorry.

Stacy McGlamery: Everybody did not get the email that I sent this afternoon.

Jen Winters: Okay

Ronda Hoke: I did not receive it.

Jen Winters: Okay. Ben Johnson. Sorry about that. I have been told that we are expecting to receive two more applications. As soon as we get those, those can be shared with the group for review. And then if there is recommendation going forward to the Board of Commissioners' meeting will be reviewed on September (inaudible).

Gene Houpe: Which area did Chris live in?

Jen Winters: What area did Chris live in?

Gene Houpe: Yes.

Wesley Davidson: Chris lives on Jane Sowers.

Gene Houpe: Geographically. Okay.

Jen Winters: Okay. Any questions about the vacancy or the candidates?

Stacy McGlamery: Will you tell them a little bit about Ben? Because they did not . . . I do not know that they got his application.

Jen Winters: I opened it a little bit ago and looked through it. He did attach a two-page resume. Currently he is the assistant principal at West Iredell High School. He also has extensive experience coaching various sports, including football, track and field, maybe basketball, I am not sure. He is actually my 10 year old's football coach this season.

Gene Houpe: He is very qualified. He is good individual. I think . . . I do not know who the other applications will be but he would be a good one for sure, in my opinion.

Wesley Davidson: BJ may be one of the most energetic people I have ever met in my life. He is wonderful.

Gene Houpe: He is a very passionate guy for anybody that may not know him. He really puts his heart and soul into the kids. I think he would be somebody that would always look recreation in Iredell County proactively, you know, because the intention is to get the kids something to do and provide the sports so just keep that in mind. Nothing against anybody else that may apply. We do not know who that will be but I know as was mentioned before he is very passionate and energetic and would put in the time and effort to help with events and things like that as Chris did, I think.

Stacy McGlamery: Ben and his family joined the Rec Center this summer and used the pool. Very nice, polite man. Spent a lot of time with his kids. He was a really, very pleasant man to have a conversation with.

Jen Winters: All right. Great. Any other comments, praises, questions? That is all I have for the vacancy under new business. I feel like we went through all of that really, really quickly. Stacy, is there anything major that you feel like needs to be discussed that was not already mentioned?

Stacy McGlamery: I do have a question, kind of, with point of order. If we have an application from Mr. Johnson, and I do not know the answer . . . is there a time frame that we have to post that vacancy? Or allow people to apply? Or, does someone make a motion and we vote for Mr. Johnson tonight?

Jen Winters: I asked Michelle about that. She said, the way I understood it, was if we know the other ones are coming, we can choose to wait and review them all together and then make a recommendation the board. I believe this one is scheduled for the 9/21 Board of Commissioners' review so if there are others that come in prior to, I assume they would be included in that.

Stacy McGlamery: Would that turn into, then, an email vote for membership?

Jen Winters: That I do not know.

Wesley Davidson: We have done them by email in the past but if we have the 21st, you said, Jen.

Jen Winters: Yes. That is what she told me.

Wesley Davidson: So we have a little bit of time but Barb you may want to back me up. You have been on the board longer than I have. Typically, we voted on . . . if there is an open position and we have an application, in the past, we basically voted if we want them. But if we definitely know we have others coming, I am ok either way.

Jen Winters: Okay.

Barb Thorson: Well I am the one that asked him to apply because we have talked a lot about it. But like you said, if we know that some others are planning to apply, I guess we need to wait. Why they haven't they applied is my question.

Jen Winters: I think they are in the process we just have not received the form yet.

Barb Thorson: Oh, okay.

Wesley Davidson: Do we only have one vacancy at this point in time?

Jen Winters: As far as I am aware.

Stacy McGlamery: As long as everybody is still living in Iredell County, they are all eligible to be members on the board.

Wesley Davidson: Yes.

Jen Winters: All right.

Wesley Davidson: I would say if we do not have a motion to accept, we can probably wait a week for Mr. Ben Johnson. It is something that we will need to vote on and give Stacy and Michelle plenty of time to take it before the board on the 21st.

Jen Winters: Okay.

Wesley Davidson: Stacy, would you like to have a cutoff date?

Stacy McGlamery: Wes, you work with fabulously. You can set the cutoff date.

Wesley Davidson: I like cutoff dates. I will go with whatever you have to say.

Stacy McGlamery: Mr. Houpe, do you know when the deadline is that this would need to be put on the agenda?

Gene Houpe: If we are going to put it on our agenda for the 21st and the deadline for anything to go on that is probably . . . I would set the deadline for the 13th so you can get an email out and a recommendation to Amy by the 15th so she can put that in our packets that go out Thursday the 16th. Or, you could set it next Friday the 10th or something and send out an email and get a recommendation from this board. That way she has plenty of time to get it on our agenda for the 21st. What she will do is put a recommendation to us from you. Then she will put a copy of any and all applications. That way you can let anybody that is interested know the cut off may be . . . Let's hypothetically say, the 10th at 5:00.

Barb Thorson: I would say the 10th. That give us some time to vote.

Gene Houpe: That way you can send out something to us over the weekend right before you go home. Or you can set it for 4:00 on the 10th and you can send any applications out to the board for recommendation over the weekend. Then send something to Amy by the 13th. If that is what you desire to do.

Stacy McGlamery: Yes, sir. I think that sounds great.

Gene Hope: I make a motion just to put a cut off date. Let's just make it 1:00 on the 10th. That will give you guys time to send out an email to this board.

Ronda Hoke: I will go ahead and second.

Wesley Davidson: Thank you Ronda. Thank you Mr. Houpe. Any further discussion? If not, all those in favor say, "Aye" or raise your hand. Any opposed, "Nay". Motion passes.

Gene Houpe made a motion to set the deadline for applications for vacancies on the Recreation Advisory Board at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 10. Ronda Hoke seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Wesley Davidson: Stacy, is that all good for you?

Stacy McGlamery: (inaudible thumbs up)

Wesley Davidson: All right. Is that everything new business for you, Jen?

Jen Winters: Yes. There was one other item of discussion that Michelle had mentioned but we do not necessarily . . . I do not know if can add that since it was included in the original agenda. We just talked about it this morning or if that . . . It is not a critical piece. Just a conversation that she said we could include if we wanted to but I do not want to mess up the rules and structure of form. Stacy, what is the process with that? Because it was not included earlier in the amendment.

Stacy McGlamery: I think it would go along with a change to agenda.

Jen Winters: Okay. It is not necessary for us to do that.

Wesley Davidson: All right. Does anyone else have anything to bring before the group? If not, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Gene Houpe: So moved.

Wesley Davidson: Who made that motion?

Gene Houpe: Houpe

Wesley Davidson: Mr. Houpe had a motion and Carlos had a second. All those in favor say, "Aye". Opposed? Thank you everyone. Thank you Jen for filling in. Stacy, thank you for your help as always. Everyone have a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Gene Houpe made a motion to dismiss. Carlos Navedo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

The next Recreation Advisory meeting will be on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM at TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy McFlamery

Recreation Advisory Board Secretary