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City of Salisbury, Maryland
Parks & Recreation Committee
September 17, 2019

Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Mike Pioruski, Committee Member	
Joe Anderson, Committee Member	Austin Widdowson, Committee Member
David Plotts, Chairperson	Ansel Blake
Chris Roberts, Vice Chairperson	
Doug Draper, Parks Dept.	
David Herrick, Secretary	
Mike Perry, Committee Member	
Bronte DaSheill, City Council Liaison →	

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 5:45PM near 611 Lakeside Drive.

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10 **Minutes:** Mr. Herrick distributed copies of the August 20, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by
11 Chris Roberts, seconded by Joe Anderson, and carried to approve minutes as read.

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13 **Park Review:** This location, approximately one hundred (100) yards of shoreline between Lakeside
14 Drive and Johnson Pond, is a city park designated as Lakeside at Johnson Pond. There exist large
15 trees that require pruning along with several dead specimens that need to be removed. Mr. Draper is
16 also considering cutting back the shrubbery along the waterline and replanting to achieve a more
17 desirable landscape. It was mentioned that this park would benefit by making it available to the
18 Adopt-a-Park program and Andy Kitzrow, Deputy City administrator, should be contacted to effect
19 such action. Suggested improvements include a kavak rack to replace the makeshift rack that exists
20 now and to remove or replace the old trash receptacle. If possible, the kavak rack could also be used
21 for private storage, similar to the city marina, and upkeep for that and any trash bin could be the
22 responsibility of the neighborhood association. Members of the neighborhood did stop by to talk and
23 inquired as to why the pond was posted "No Swimming". Mr. Draper noticed that the sign did not
24 look official and was probably erected by a private individual and said that activities on the pond
25 itself were not regulated by the city anyway. He advised the group to contact Wicomico
26 Environmental Trust to obtain a water quality report before anybody consider bathing in Johnson
27 Pond.

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29 **Other Business:** A question was raised as to the difference between city property and a city park.
30 Mr. Plotts, who is knowledgeable about such matters, explained that a park is real property that the
31 public is welcome to use as opposed to other real property which may not be available to the public.
32 Also, a motion was made to remove Austin Widdowson as a member of the City Parks and
33 Recreation Committee since he has not been to any meetings in recent memory and has not
34 responded to any attempt to contact him. Mike Perry made said motion. Chris Roberts seconded
35 and the motion was carried unanimously.

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37 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was
38 made by Chris Roberts and seconded by David Herrick. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

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41 David Herrick
42 Secretary