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City of Salisbury, Maryland
Parks & Recreation Committee
January 21, 2020

Minutes

| <u>Present</u> | <u>Not Present</u> |
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| Doug Draper, Parks Dept. | Chris Roberts, Committee Member |
| David Plotts, Chairperson | Joe Anderson, Vice Chairperson |
| David Herrick, Secretary | April Jackson, City Council Liason |
| Mike Perry, Committee Member | |
| Dr. Brante' Dashiell, Committee Member | |
| Mike Pioruski, Committee Member | |
| Brian Polkinghorn and his son, citizens | |

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:00PM in RM 306 Govt. Office Bldg.

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10 **Minutes:** Mr. Herrick distributed copies of the December 17,2019 minutes. A motion was made by
11 Mike Perry to accept the minutes as read. Said motion was seconded by David Plotts and carried to
12 approve.

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14 **Park Review:** Doug Draper updated the committee on city park activities including removal of a
15 large ash tree behind the Kiwanis pavilion that had fallen across the river due to stream erosion.
16 Another tree was removed along Snow Hill Rd. which was a large oak tree damaged by lightning.
17 Mr. Draper also informed the committee that lower limbs of some trees had been trimmed to provide
18 a better line of sight. The dog park will be graded and filled as necessary. The committee discussed
19 installing "Blue Light" emergency kiosks in the park but tabled the subject pending further review
20 and possibly asking the Salisbury University police department about their experiences with the same
21 type of system. Mike Perry questioned the status of bamboo in the park and was told they were under
22 control after much hard work. Mr. Draper mentioned that raised garden beds in Riverwalk Park near
23 the Mill St. bridge are in the planning stage for installation around March 18,2020.

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25 **Other Business:** Tom Stevenson, Director of Field Operations for the city, will visit the committee
26 this spring and share his idea for an "Adopt-a-Park" initiative. April Jackson will be our new council
27 liason replacing Angela Blake whom we will miss very much. Mr. Plotts said that Amanda Pollock
28 is checking the financial viability of a new bridge in City Park. Mr. Plotts also distributed the 2020
29 park visit schedule and the committee goals for 2020 with both short term and long term sections.
30 Discussion centered around the long term goals for 2020-2022 and ideas included social media
31 outreach, inviting SU students/faculty to attend meetings and publishing park amenities information.
32 Mike Perry also will ask the Eastern Shore Running Club for their input concerning the parks.

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34 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was
35 made by David Plotts and seconded by Dr. Dasheill. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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38 David Herrick
39 Secretary