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City of Salisbury, Maryland  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
August 18, 2020

Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Alyssa Hastings, City Sustainability Coordinator	
Doug Draper, Parks Dept.	Chis Roberts, Committee Member
David Plotts, Chairperson	
David Herrick, Secretary	April Jackson, City Council Liason
Joe Anderson, Committee Member	
Mike Pioruski, Committee Member	
Mike Perry, Committee Member	
Dr. Brant' Dashiell, Committee Member	

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 5.35PM at Waterside Park, 1001 Parsons  
9 Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801.

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11 **Minutes:** Mr. Herrick distributed copies of the July 21, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Mike  
12 Perry to accept the minutes as read. Said motion was seconded by Bronte' Dashiell and carried to  
13 approve.

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15 **Park Review:** Waterside Park was observed to be in an overall good condition except for the  
16 community garden, half of which was completely overgrown with tall weeds and wiregrass. Some  
17 vegetables were observed but the effect was general neglect. Questions were raised by the  
18 committee concerning the level of community support and who is responsible for supervising the  
19 maintenance of the garden. Mr. Draper mentioned planned improvements to Waterside Park  
20 including a new parking lot, a multiuse sports field and a boardwalk or pier for the riverfront. Bids  
21 for a proposed irrigation system were too high to be realistically considered. For the parks in  
22 general, Mr. Draper said that removable bollards will replace some gates currently in place and he  
23 heard some complaints concerning the trimming of overgrowth along the river edge in the city park.  
24 Nevertheless, high weeds and bushes, Mr. Draper said, could hide unsavory characters and are a  
25 safety issue for riverside activities such as fishing.

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27 **Other Business:** The committee discussed the need for representation from the city council at Parks  
28 and Rec meetings and recommended that a person or department be tasked with unifying all  
29 decisions and projects proposed by Mayor's office, Field Operations, Infrastructure and Development  
30 and all other departments and agencies that affect the parks and therefore be able to efficiently  
31 communicate a cohesive plan for City Parks into which any recommendations by the Parks and  
32 Recreation Committee would be integrated. That would be a beautiful world. Elsewhere, Mr. Perry  
33 lamented the state of the bathroom facilities in some of the parks and thought self-cleaning units  
34 would be helpful. Ms. Hastings mentioned that a no touch water dispenser for refillable containers  
35 and supplied by city Water Works will be placed at the city park close to the bandstand.. Mr.  
36 Pioruski thought that was a good idea and expressed interest in the design and operation of that unit.

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38 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was  
39 made by David Herrick and seconded by David Plotts. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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42 David Herrick  
43 Secretary