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City of Salisbury, Maryland
Parks & Recreation Committee
August 12, 2021

Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
David Plotts, Chairman	April Jackson, City Council Liason
Dr. Joseph Anderson, Vice Chairman	Chris Roberts, Committee Member
David Herrick, Secretary	Dominique Sessa, Committee Member
Doug Draper, Parks Superintendent	Dr. Branté Dashield, Committee Member
Amanda Pollack, Dir. Infrastructure&Developmt	
Mike Perry, Committee Member	
Mike Piorunski, Committee Member	

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at Elizabeth W. Woodcock Park,
9 Riverside Dr. Salisbury, MD 21801.

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11 **Minute:** David Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting. A motion
12 was made by Mike Piourunski to approve the minutes as amended. Said motion was seconded by Dr.
13 Joseph Anderson and carried to approve.

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15 **Park Review:** Woodcock Park appeared to be in overall good condition and stone dust had been
16 newly applied around the charcoal grills with Mike Piorunski asking if there should be some edging
17 installed to contain the dust and Doug Draper said he would take that under advisement. The
18 backstop for the small ballfield is being utilized for pitching practice but is not currently being
19 employed for team games and the single basketball hoop in the park appears to be unused. Mr.
20 Draper said that there are several upgrades planned for the park which includes a new water fountain
21 and new trash containers and benches which conform to city standards. Mr. Draper noted there was
22 very little vandalism or other illicit activities reported in the past year and Mike Perry thought that
23 might be due to resident Mike Jerrell and the neighborhood watch organization which keeps a
24 watchful eye on activities in the area. Mr. Piorunski suggested the park might be a good candidate
25 for installation of bat boxes and a discussion ensued as to where exactly they might be placed to
26 prevent owl predation, but no one present claimed sufficient knowledge of owl/bat interaction to be
27 certain of the ideal location. Lastly, David Plotts mentioned that the committee has previously
28 discussed installing several disc golf baskets in the park.

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30 **Other Business:** Doug Draper said the parks department staff will be working extra shifts during
31 the National Folk Festival and he expects everything to go smoothly. Concerning the City Park, the
32 bridge to Picnic Island was renovated, dead branches in the tall pine trees in Ben's Red Swings will
33 be removed by a contractor specializing in high rope work that that park staff is neither prepared nor
34 equipped to do and finally streamside removal of high brush will be performed under the auspices of
35 Wicomico Environmental Trust (WET). Amanda Pollack, Director of Infrastructure and
36 Development, spoke about the city's request for proposals for major improvements at Waterside Park
37 which elicited rapacious bids on the part of contractors to do said work. As a result, installing water,
38 sewer and lighting are off the table but grading the soccer pitch, among other gradual upgrades, will
39 be accomplished by City of Salisbury Field Operations and funding might be available for paving a
40 parking lot. Ms. Pollack informed the committee that there is a newly hired city planner who will
41 catalog all amenities of every city park in order to generate a complete inventory of what the parks
42 currently have and what they might need. One particular issue of concern is lighting, or lack thereof,
43 in the park system. Ms. Pollack's attention was then drawn to a unique standing pipe in the S.E.
44 corner of Woodcock Park which Mr. Draper had no information on but offered it might be a vintage
45 drinking fountain and that it had been there ever since he has been with the department which, he

46 admitted, has seemed like a very long time. Ms. Pollack will explore city utility maps to discover
47 what, if any, water lines connect to the mysterious fixture and possibly satisfy her curiosity.
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49 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion
50 to adjourn was made by Mike Perry, seconded by Mike Piorunski and committee voted to adjourn at
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