

**City of Salisbury, Maryland
Parks & Recreation Committee
October 14, 2021**

Minutes

Present	<u>Alyssa Hastings, Sustainability Specialist</u>
<u>David Plotts, Chairman</u>	<u>Jackson St. Jean, Critical Area Planner</u>
Dr. Joseph Anderson, Vice Chairman	Kevin Gleason, PDGA MD Coordinator
David Herrick, Secretary	Joshua Maxfeld, Eastbound Disc Golf
Doug Draper, Parks Superintendent	Paul Whitney, Eastbound Disc Golf
Mary Grace, Committee Memeber	Shawn Johnson, Eastbound Disc Golf
Mike Perry, Committee Member	Amanda Branner, Citizen
Mike Piorunski, Committee Member	
Dominique Sessa, Committee Member	Not Present
Dr. Bronte' Dashiel, Committee Member	April Jackson, City Council Liaison

Call to Order: David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:05PM at the Community Foundation, 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804.

Minute: David Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Perry to approve the minutes as read. Said motion was seconded by Mike Piorunski and carried to approve.

Park Review: Doug Draper and Alyssa Hastings discussed the extensive tree planting planned for Lake Street Park by Chesapeake Utilities to replace the trees the company removed to install the underground natural gas pipe along the railroad tracks along S. Salisbury Blvd. There will be approximately fifty (50) trees, some quite large, of different species to be planted by Unity Landscaping. Ms. Hastings also mentioned that a Maryland DNR forest steward has canvassed Naylor Mill Park and advises removing an area of invasive species. The committee was informed that Amanda Pollack, DI&D, is working on a long overdue park policy concerning park hours and associated park lighting. Mr. Draper commented on the completed pedestrian bridge at Camden Ave. and W. Market St. and spoke of plans to erect the City Park Christmas tree in late October or early November next to the bandstand as it has in the past.

Other Business: Mary Grace commented on the persistent absence of April Jackson the City Council Liaison and how the committee might alleviate the situation. Such a liaison is important for effective communication and awareness of city plans, she said, and it would be a good idea to inform the mayor of our concern. Mr. Plotts said he will approach the president of City Council, "Jack" Heath, to ask his advice on the matter as a first step. Jackson St. Jean introduced himself and said that as the newly hired Critical Area Planner for the city he is not only responsible for environmental conservation for areas within 1000 feet of tidal waters in the city but will also take on the task of conducting inventories of all the city parks, noting areas of need and providing information useful for GIS mapping. Mr. Piorunski hoped that Mr. St. Jean and the committee would work together to improve the park system and Mr. St. Jean agreed saying he planned to use our knowledge of the various parks to generate a complete and comprehensive report and expects considerable communication with the committee. Ms. Hastings thought that Mr. St. Jean would find our archival committee minutes to be valuable in pinpointing areas of concern. She also was happy to say that \$75,000 has been budgeted towards finalizing the City Park Master Plan with additional funds expected for inclusion of the other city parks.

Members of Eastbound Disc Golf including the Maryland State Director for the Professional Disc Golf Association were on hand to commemorate Chris Roberts, a member of both the EBG and this committee, by moving forward with Mr. Robert's dream of a disc golf course in City Park. Chris was a past Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee and an avid disc golf player who

45 traveled widely in his pursuit of the game and promoted it with passion and determination.
46 Discussion about the proposed course revolved around the actual layout, possible budget, and
47 parking availability. Mike Perry made a motion to honor the memory of Chris Roberts by naming it
48 the Chris Roberts Memorial Disc Golf Course. Mary Grace seconded the motion and said motion
49 was passed unanimously by the committee. When all the preliminaries have been completed the
50 committee will bring the proposal to Amanda Pollack for review and approval. Mayor Day was
51 acquainted with Mr. Roberts and might be amenable to commemorating his name in this way.
52 Mr. Perry and EDG members will meet at the Civic Center on Saturday at 2PM to walk the park and
53 discuss possible designs and feasibility.

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55 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion
56 to adjourn was made by Mike Perry, seconded by Mike Piorunski and committee voted to adjourn at
57 7:10PM.

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