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**City of Salisbury, Maryland  
Parks & Recreation Committee  
November 10, 2021**

**Minutes**

<b>Present</b>	
David Plotts, Chairman	
Dr. Brante' Dashield, Committee Member	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	
Mike Piorunski, Committee Member	
Alyssa Hastings, Sustainability Specialist	<b>Not Present</b>
Amanda Pollack, Dir. Infrastructure and Development	April Jackson, City Council Liaison

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**Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:10PM at the Community Foundation, 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804.

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**Minute:** David Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the October 14,2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mary Grace to approve the minutes as read. Said motion was seconded by Mike Piorunski and carried to approve.

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**Park Review:** Doug Draper stated that the Christmas Tree and holiday lights are going up at the City Park along with another smaller tree downtown and the Rotary Club has completed the Labyrinth on the Riverwalk. Approximately forty (40) young trees to be planted in the City Park have been purchased from How Sweet It Is and include black gum, persimmon, bald cypress, red twig dogwood, pignut hickory, chestnut oak, and a committee favorite- highbush blueberry. Control of English ivy in City Park is a continuing issue with damage to mature trees possible if this invasive species is allowed to flourish unchecked. Amanda Pollack says the third and final phase of the Skate Park has the green light, and the design committee will ask for input at a public meeting to be announced later. She also provided images of tree plantings at Lakeside Park performed by Unity Landscaping using quite a large auger which Mr. Draper greatly admired. Fitzwater Park also received similar trees. Ms. Pollack informed the committee that Delmarva Power will be installing four (4) charging stations for electric vehicles in current parking spots along S. Park Drive and supplied by underground conduits. Said spots will be restricted to electric vehicles but with parking at a premium in that area enforcement will need to be discussed further. Alyssa Hastings commented on installing a new bench in the Edible Garden by her green team and a garden sign at the foot of the new pedestrian bridge. Mary Grace asked the chairperson where we were in regard to our council liaison whereupon Mr. Plotts stated that he had emailed April Jackson, the liaison in question, and received no reply. Ms. Pollack mentioned that the term of a council liaison is normally four (4) years so that leaves the committee with several more years with an empty chair.

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**Other Business:** Members of Eastbound Disc Golf and the Professional Disc Golf Association were on hand to present to the committee their vision for The Chris Roberts Memorial Disc Golf Course in the City Park. They revealed a breakdown of all costs for the proposed 18-hole course including paved tees and Pro baskets and a map showing their possible locations. To gain more knowledge of the terrain of City Park, the members walked through the park with the assistance of Mike Perry who has intimate knowledge of park topography and then created not one but two 18-hole courses! One would be an easier course between the south prong of the Wicomico River and N. Park Drive from Beaver Dam bridge to Memorial Plaza. All funding for this course will be coming from a private donor at a perceived cost of \$11,217. To alleviate concerns from Ms. Pollack, there will be no blind

44 throws or throws crossing the current walkway so as not to interfere with pedestrian traffic. All  
45 installed equipment will eventually be donated to the city, but maintenance will be performed by  
46 Eastbound Disc Golf Inc and whatever the city Field Operations feels it might want to do themselves.  
47 Ms. Grace was concerned that placement of the baskets might hinder the mowing of the park, but Mr.  
48 Draper said that many areas under discussion were not suitable for use by lawn mowing machines  
49 anyway and that he would suggest judicious use of herbicide around the baskets placed distant from  
50 the river. Ms. Pollack then noted that a tennis complex was planned for the area destined for Hole 10  
51 but club members said it was easy enough to move a hole or two if needed and any planned  
52 construction would not constitute a major obstacle.

53 The second disc golf course, designated as Papa Bear Run, would require a higher skill level from  
54 the player. It would begin at a point across the river from the Pony League ballfield continuing  
55 eastward almost to the spillway at Beaglin Park Drive keeping between the river and N. Park Drive  
56 and skirting the old Boy Scout Field. This area is thickly wooded with steep terrain and thus would  
57 be classified as a competitive disc golf course and one of only three on Delmarva. The two courses  
58 combined would be a viable candidate for a Professional Disc Golf Association sanctioned Junior  
59 Player Tournament which is a major event occurring over a four (4) day period at several venues  
60 besides the courses themselves. PDGA currently has over 70,000 active members nationwide.  
61 Problems constructing the course arise by thick underbrush and physical placement of tees and  
62 baskets which might be hindered by wet ground excluding use of heavy equipment. Permeable  
63 pavers for the tees were recommended by the committee. Mike Perry offered his assistance with  
64 clearing and clean up through his network of volunteers. Funding for this course, currently projected  
65 to be \$27,425, has not yet been determined, Mary Grace made a motion that the committee  
66 recommend to the Mayor these combined proposals. Said motion was seconded by Mike Piorunski  
67 and carried to approve.

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69 Amanda Pollack explained the process for both project's approval and possible funding as  
70 follows. Ms. Pollock will present Mayor Day with said proposal for his approval after which mayor  
71 and staff would meet with Eastbound Disc Golf with the intention of drafting a MOU defining the  
72 project's general concept then be submitting it for review at a City Council work session for  
73 questions and consideration then, if agreed, forwarded to a City Council legislative session for  
74 further consideration and a vote. At that point, if approved by the city council, Eastbound Disc Golf  
75 Inc. may start installation and implementation of any of the approved projects that are adequately  
76 funded, currently being The Chris Roberts Memorial Disc Golf Course. Any funding desired from  
77 the city for all or part of Papa Bear Run would be a budget request to be discussed at the city budget  
78 session in January 2022.

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81 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion  
82 to adjourn was made by David Herrick, seconded by Mike Piorunski and committee voted to adjourn  
83 at 7:35PM.

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