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City of Salisbury, Maryland
Parks & Recreation Committee
September 8, 2022

Minutes

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
David Plotts, Chairperson	Du Trieu, Parks Manager
Mary Grace Kiley, Committee Member	Sam Ireland, Deputy Dir. Filed Ops
David Herrick, Secretary	Rachel Manning, Community Relations
Mike Perry, Committee Member	Dominique Sessa, Committee Member
	April Jackson, City Council Liaison
	Mike Piorunski, Committee Member
	Alyssa Hastings, Sustainability Specialist

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8 **Call to Order:** David Plotts called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at Waterside Park, Parsons Road,
9 Salisbury, MD 21801.

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11 **Minutes:** David Herrick distributed copies of the minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting. A
12 motion was made by Mike Perry to accept minutes as read and was seconded by David Plotts. and
13 carried to approve.

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15 **Parks Review:** The parking lot at Waterside Park will be paved and Ms. Kiley hoped that an ADA
16 walkway from the lot and throughout the park's amenities could be constructed since the lot is quite
17 distant from the playground and basketball courts and Waterside needed that connectivity.
18 Discussion ensued regarding suitable walkway material such as poured concrete, pervious pavers and
19 recycled nuggets. The committee noticed the split rail fence needed repair and the water bottle
20 station was not working. Large bushes and shrubs were reclaiming areas around sheds and other
21 structures creating a safety hazard. New benches were noted but the picnic table destroyed in the last
22 storm was not replaced. The community garden was a complete mess with no visible edibles and
23 overgrown with pokeweed, porcelain berry, honeysuckle and other invasives. Monica Brooks,
24 supposed coordinator of said garden, will be invited to attend our meeting to explain this tragedy.
25 Lastly, the beautiful lake directly adjacent to the park cannot be seen due to lakeside vegetation and a
26 proper canoe or kayak launch would be a benefit. At City Park, application of mulch in the play area
27 around the bandstand was too heavy and rotten railings at the bandstand itself were simply painted
28 over without regard to repair. Mr. Plotts said that the railings were due to be replaced soon anyway
29 but why not wait until that is finished to paint the structure? A large tree at the water fountain has
30 been removed resulting in an unsightly mud pit with a stump in the middle. Ms. Kiley believed that a
31 stump grinder should be the next procurement at Field Operations.

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33 **Other Business:** David Plotts was summoned by Salisbury Mayor Jake Day for a discussion
34 concerning the Parks and Recreation Committee and he was told that there are new guidelines for
35 every city committee as to how they are to communicate their activities. The chairpersons will now
36 send a quarterly report directly to the mayor for his perusal thus condensing all information into an
37 immensely readable form. Also, the city will make a comprehensive plan before any funds go to
38 committee master plans. Any requests for such funds must be requested through the park manager, a
39 position now unoccupied as a result of the sudden resignation of the current park manager, Duc
40 Trieu. The new park manager will also expedite the formation of comprehensive and consistent park
41 rules and regulations. In other news, Mary Grace Kiley mentioned the erosion beside the concrete
42 steps leading to the walking bridge below South Park Blvd. is even worse after vegetation was
43 removed by the city and recreational joggers are using it for their routine. Sand has washed down the
44 slope and covered access to the foot bridge. Ms. Kiley also wondered if the county could provide

45 assistance with adding pickleball court stripes to one or more of the city park tennis courts thus
46 making them dually usable.

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48 **Adjournment:** Since there was no more immediate business for the committee to discuss, a motion
49 to adjourn was made by David Herrick, seconded by Mike Perry and committee voted to adjourn at
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