

Town of Strasburg

Recreation, Parks, & Trails Committee

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by 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 15th, 2021

Strasburg Town Hall
174 East King Street

Monday, November 15th, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Recreation, Parks, & Trails Committee Members:

Ken Cherrix, Chair
Dane Hooser
Christie Monahan
Doreen Ricard

Staff Contacts:

J. Waverly Coggsdale, III, Town Manager

Olivia Hilton, Interim Director of Community Development



Agenda

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Action Item:

- **Approval of Minutes: August 5th, 2021, meeting**

Discussion Items:

1.) 2021 Pool Season Update

Old or unfinished business

- Park Bathrooms
- Master Park Plan/ARPA funding
- River Access Grant Scoping
- Park Policies/Signage
- Night Owl project
- ADA Accessibility at Playground

New business

Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION, PARKS, & TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th, 2021, AT 7 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE STRASBURG TOWN HALL.

PRESENT: Council Member Cherrix (Chair) and Council Committee Members Hooser, Monahan, and Ricard. Others present:

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Town Manager McKinley, Interim Director of Community Development Hilton, Clerk of Council Keller, and Park and Pool Manager Leigh.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Action Item:

- **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 26th, 2021, meeting were approved as presented.

Discussion Items:

1.) Master Park Plan

Description: Discussion on re-prioritizing certain features in the Master Park Plan

Chairperson Cherrix said he thought the kids are enjoying the new swings.

When asked about the Implementation Team. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said the Implementation Team for the Master Park Team is Public Works, Community Development and the Strasburg Police Department. The schedule of implementation was reviewed, and a brief overview was given for each action and what has been accomplished. Several items not on the original list have been done.

Chairperson Cherrix asked what we were looking at as far as the ADA accessibility. **Interim Town Manager McKinley** said he would like to start with concrete sidewalks and if it is affordable, he would like to go this way. He would like to concrete the trail up to the bridge. This is being explored before looking at alternatives.

Interim Director of Community Development Hilton said having an ADA route between areas is in the plan for FY22. Other items for FY22 were explained. The budget implication was shown.

Chairperson Cherrix said with concrete on a pathway, it is nice, but he worries about the edging. Would it be a rolled edge or just a path? **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said part of the route would be from the Rotary Shelter and would come off of the shelter directly. **Chairperson Cherrix** said we need to think of all the places that people need to be able to access the walkway. **Interim Town Manager McKinley** said we will excavate down so the walkway is even with the ground so we wouldn't have the lips. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said we are going to put a concrete pad under the port-a-potties. **Chairperson Cherrix** said they should bring in a handicapped port-a-potty. **Council Member Hooser** would like to have four season bathrooms and this is on the list to see if ARPA money can be used for this.

Chairperson Cherrix asked about resurfacing the tennis courts for a multi-sport surface. No one has heard anything from the soccer league. **Strasburg Athletic Director Hiserman** has talked with **Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh** about contributing money toward the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Council Member Monahan asked where the implementation schedule came from and most came from surveys, as well as committee members and the firm that helped with the design.

Chairperson Cherrix asked if the lighting in the plan was for the entire park, and it is just for the Town Square. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said no changes have been made to the

current park plan. **Chairperson Cherrix** said they wanted to move the lighting up in the plan. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said we are waiting until **Mr. Coggsdale** gets here because he has experience with this. **Chairperson Cherrix** talked about solar lighting at a park he went to. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said she is hopeful the committee will advocate for ARPA funds. Right now, we are just moving forward with what has already been approved in the budget.

Council Member Hooser said **Council Member Weaver** thinks a lot of the money will be eaten up with sewer projects. If we can save on these, we can use money for other park projects.

Chairperson Cherrix asked about the DuPont Grant. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said it is due in October.

Chairperson Cherrix said we could discuss the MPP further at the next meeting and shift things around. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said there is a map in the MPP and it shows what is currently set and what might come down so we can follow this. **Chairperson Cherrix** said we will have to watch where the parking is going to be as we are going to losing shelters.

Interim Director of Community Development Hilton said where the Rotary wanted to put the musical instruments has been moved from what was originally proposed.

Old or Unfinished Business:

Park Signage: It was found the signage was too small and will be on an A-frame sign. The day use instructions will be posted. They talked to **Ranger Tom** and his recommendations were enforcement, make it bilingual, and be sure it is only day use. We are using State Park verbiage. **Chairperson Cherrix** wanted the sign to still be put on the upper fence, but it is only being proposed to have the larger sign near the river. It will be a large sign and bilingual.

Chairperson Cherrix asked about naming the Riverwalk; this was a suggestion by **former Council Member Mauck**. He thought it had been decided to go along with this.

Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh said there is a sign in the park that says no skateboarding in the park. She asked if this could be taken down, and the committee felt it could.

Night Owl Project: It was reported they have a working design but would like to have an expansion on this. It will incorporate the Town Run/Bridge with a spring unveiling.

Council Member Hooser asked how the bridge will be incorporated and **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said it will be beside the path and lead down to the town run. They are working with the artist to get a hard installation date.

The LOVE sign was repaired but it does not look too great.

Chairperson Cherrix said an email was sent about the pool closing on August 22. **Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh** is struggling to get guards to keep the pool open.

Council Member Monahan asked if we are losing money with the shortened season. **Interim Director of Community Development Hilton** said any day that the pool is closed, we make money. It is a public service amenity. **Council Member Monahan** said there is a survey for moving the first day of school back to after Labor Day. Schedules were discussed as far as employees.

Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh said we could reach out to the home school community or the different age groups to get lifeguards. **Chairperson Cherrix** said there are a lot of home school groups that would be willing to help. There are Facebook groups. **Interim Town Manager McKinley** said we are losing certified lifeguards at the end of the season.

Interim Director of Community Development Hilton said there is a change in minimum wage, and it will be going up to \$11 per hour and maybe we can incentivize guards by paying back their training fees if they work through the season.

Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh said there is a lot of competition in wages of lifeguards. **Chairperson Cherrix** said the wage war is going to hurt a lot.

Council Member Hooser asked if we have group prices for training, and **Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh** said we do, and this is much more affordable when we do this.

We will be keeping the pool filled again during the winter. **Interim Town Manager McKinley** said the WWTP people have been very complimentary of **Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh** as she is very knowledgeable of the pumps, etc. Start-up was very easy this year.

Council Member Ricard asked if service points are given for working at the pool. **Park and Pool Manager Danni Leigh** will look into this.

Council Member Hooser said when he was in FFA he did tree plantings and this could save us money, too. **Chairperson Cherrix** talked about the American Heritage Girls helping with planting.

New business:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.