



**High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board  
Minutes of January 10, 2022**

Present: Eric Abeles, Micholas Credle, Robert Davis, Jennifer Mays, Nathan Morelli, Marshall Newsome, Derek Pegram, Monica Peters, Brian Petty

Absent: Lauren Britton, Bryon Stricklin

Staff: Lee Tillery, Tracy Pegram, Tyler Cole, Eugene Coleman, Paige Moné, Jessi Heffner



**Call to Order / Welcome**

The regular meeting of the HPPR Commission Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the December 13, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Eric Abeles made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read and Robert Davis seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

**Introduction of Dr. Nathan Morelli, new Parks & Recreation Commissioner**

Dr. Morelli was appointed at the last City Council meeting. He has lived in High Point for close to a year and is looking forward to being involved with the Department and helping the community.

**Old Business**

Lee Tillery updated the Commissioners on the progress of the first phase of the City Lake Park renovations. He stated that while the renovation of the pool is behind schedule, the renovation of the events center is on schedule. Supply chain problems have caused delays in the project, including a three to four week wait on pool drains that were needed before the concrete was poured. The opening of the City Lake pool could be delayed until the summer of 2023.

**Questions and Comments**

Micholas Credle asked that if in the event the pool at City Lake Park can open later in the summer could the Department pay the part-time staff more to make up for the shorter season. Lee Tillery stated that the Department couldn't pay the part-time staff enough to make up the difference in time. While the opening of the pool depends on whether construction is completed, the decision to open the pool for the summer season has to be made early to facilitate the hiring of staff that would be needed. Eric Abeles asked if the Department staffing was low. Lee confirmed that staffing is down.

### **New Business**

With the addition of several new members to the Commission, Lee Tillery would like to schedule a tour of the Department's parks and facilities. This tour would most likely be scheduled for the spring or early summer.

The Senior Center, formerly known as the Center for Active Adults was part of the 2018 bond package for the Department. The Department is looking at locations currently and hoping to build a new building instead of renovating an existing building. Currently, the Senior Center is located at the High Point University Community Center. The goal is to look at potential locations and give suggestions to City Council soon after the completion of the City Lake Park renovations.

### **Questions and Comments**

Micholas Credle asked if it were possible to determine where most seniors live within the city. Lee Tillery answered stating that in prior years the Department did a capacity study at the old Senior Center location on N. Hamilton Street. The results of that study are out of date and close to eight years old. The goal is to find a central location within the city. The decision will also consider how seniors travel.

### **Brian Petty Recognition**

Marshall Newsome and Lee Tillery recognized and thanked Brian for his service to the citizens of High Point. Brian has enjoyed his time on the Commission Board and is proud of what the Department has accomplished. Brian will also be invited to the February meeting where he will be presented with a plaque in recognition.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14 at 5:30pm in the P&R Administration Office, 136 Northpoint Avenue.

**Submitted by: Jessi Heffner | Reviewed by: Tracy Pegram | Approved by: Tracy Pegram**