



High Point Parks & Recreation Commission Board
Minutes of April 11, 2022

Present: Eric Abeles, Lauren Britton, Marshall Newsome, Jennifer Mays, Nathan Morelli, Monica Peters, Bryon Stricklin

Absent: Micholas Credle, Robert Davis, Derek Pegram

Staff: Lee Tillery, Tracy Pegram, Colten Marble, Eugene Coleman, Tyler Cole, 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, April 11, 2022. The Chair, Marshall Newsome, welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of January 2022 Minutes

The minutes for the January 10, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Marshall Newsome made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Eric Abeles seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of March 2022 Minutes

The minutes for the March 14, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. Jennifer Mays made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Eric Abeles seconded. All were in favor of accepting the minutes and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Lee Tillery presented new images from the construction of City Lake Park. The pool construction should be completed at the end of June. The event center and locker rooms are expected to be completed near the end of July.

Questions and Comments

Eric Abeles asked if there was pushback from the public regarding the delayed opening of City Lake Pool. Lee Tillery reminded the Commission that the initial goal was to have the pool open by Memorial Day 2022. This goal will not be met. Since the news was announced in the newspapers the Department has not received pushback but could possibly hear more from the community in May. Jennifer Mays asked if the concession stand will have a grill. Colten Marble answered that while the concession stand will sell nachos, pizza and drinks there will not be a full grill. Monica Peters asked if there was going to be any renovations of the dam at City Lake Park. Lee Tillery stated that the dam was built around 1923, however renovations to that area of

the park will not occur for another two or three years. Marshall Newsome asked when the meeting space and the rest of the park will be open for rental. Lee stated that he anticipates the shelters and meeting space will be open for rent starting in August. Eric Abeles asked if the pool will be hosting swim meets. Lee said that the pool will be set up to allow for swim meets, and it will have starting blocks. There will not be timing systems in place. Eric expressed that there is a need for 50-meter pools. The Department is looking to schedule meets before or after the pool opens for the summer season so that it does not interfere with public access.

The Commission decided that at the May meeting, there would be an in-person facility tour, to benefit the new members of the Commission Board.

#### **New Business**

Salgado has been appointed as the Interim Chief Park Ranger with Chris Riewe retiring on April 22. A surprise retirement party will be held on Thursday, April 21.

#### **Questions and Comments**

Bryon Stricklin asked if Chief Salgado's contact information is listed anywhere publicly. Lee Tillery answered that it will be. Marshall Newsome asked when the process of hiring a permanent Chief Park Ranger will start and Lee replied stating that it will begin soon.

A community member who did a lot for the City of High Point, Hank Wall, passed away four weeks ago. Hank founded the organization called Brothers Organized to Serve Others (BOTS) and has been meeting at Washington Terrace Park for a long time. The Department wants to honor Hank and name the entryway into the park, Hank Wall Way.

Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next HPPR Commission Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022, at 5:30pm. The Commissioners will take a bus tour of the Parks & Recreation parks and facilities.

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