

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
ADVANCE AGENDA  
MEETING TO BE HELD Monday, March 20, 2023  
Rosenwald Community Center**

WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF February 16, 2023

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

MEMBERS – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

VISITORS – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
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**PRESENT**

Jim Wood, Council Representative  
Robert Kuykendall, Chair  
Vicky Ferreira  
Donna Ownby

**ABSENT**

Jabriel Tyler  
Jared Bissinger

**VISITORS**

None

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF:** Dwayne Jones

Mr. Jones opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. at Rosenwald Community Center. He asked the committee members to review the meeting minutes from the last meeting on February 16, 2023. He requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kuykendall proposed a motion to accept the minutes as written. A second motion was made by Mrs. Ownby. All were in favor – none opposed.

Mr. Jones proceeded to review the Parks & Recreation recent activities, upcoming events and project updates.

- **Susan Roberts has retired**, Kylie Ritts is our new Special Events Coordinator.
- **Groovin on the Greenway** is almost booked. We have added some Bluegrass brands this season.
- **Petpawlooza is back**, we will be partnering with Shenandoah Valley Animal Shelter.
- **Block Party is changing**, we will be doing an open house at Rosenwald.
- The **Budget** is submitted.
- **Doors have been replaced** at both Rosenwald and War Memorial Pool.
- **War Memorial Pool** gutter system has been completely removed and is being replaced.
- **War Memorial Pool** kiddie pool is now ADA compliant with a zero depth splash pad with 4 fun water features.
- **Rosenwald HVAC** construction has started and should be done in 3 weeks.
- We have planted 20 new trees in Ridgeview and North Park with a grant from **Dept. of Forestry**.
- 375 runners have signed up for the **Mad Anthony Run**. If you complete all 4 races this season you win the bonus sun charm.
- **South River Preserve** is out to bid. With an expected Dec. finish date.
- **Shenandoah Bike Collision** is helping with trails for Sunset Park.
- **Greenway Phase 4** centerlines have been adjusted to save trees.
- **Loft Springs** is fully designed and fully engineered and will be going out to bid.
- **Rosenwald Basketball Court** is done and will be painted in April. We will do a Community Dedication in May.
- **Plant Symposium** will be at Wayne Theatre this year on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Commission Members Voted** to change the scheduled meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 6pm.
- Vickie asked about what the **Reading Ramble** is along the Greenway, Dwayne explained it.
- **Dwayne reminded everyone** to contact himself or Kayla at anytime with questions or concerns.

Mr. Jones closed the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Coakley  
Office Manager

## **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – March 20, 2023**

### **MIKE ALLEN - Parks Maintenance Supervisor:**

- National Pool is still at the War Memorial Pool installing the splash pad and doing the finishing touches on the big pool.
- Soccer season has begun and Kevin has begun to paint fields. He painted the fields at Basic and Constitution the week of February 27th and had them ready for play on the 4th of March. The fields at Ridgeview will be painted the week of March 13th and will begin to be used on the 18th.
- We installed 370' of half round fencing at Rosenwald Community Center around the edge of the playground and basketball court to keep people from parking on the grass.
- HVAC work continues at Rosenwald Community Center and is going well. There have been a few add ons for them but everything seems to be on schedule and should be completed in about a month.
- Puff Inc. has started on the roof at the Rosenwald Community Center. The roof is being cleaned and re-coated with their material.
- The Mad Anthony Mud Run was a big success this year and all maintenance duties have been taken care of.
- The park restrooms and pool house are about 2 weeks away from getting the water turned back on and opened for the upcoming season. New toilet paper dispensers have been installed at Ridgeview to hopefully deter vandalism.

### **STEPHEN BLACK - Horticulturist:**

- General landscape maintenance at all city buildings, annual beds, and park beds including weeding, spraying, trimming, and mulching.
- Continued to respond to citizens' requests for tree maintenance and work with public works and tree care companies to complete required tree maintenance.
- The snowflake lights have been removed from the trees in front of City Hall.
- We assisted with preparations and the Mad Anthony Mud Run event.
- We are assisting with the Shenandoah Valley Plant Symposium.
- Bernard, Rachael, and I have completed recertification courses for our pesticide applicators licenses.
- We have potted up our Elephant Ear bulbs to grow for the summer.
- Work has been done on the soccer fields at Ridgeview Park to help improve the turf on the fields for the spring season.

### **KYLIE RITTS- Special Events Coordinator:**

#### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday April 8th in Ridgeview Park
- We have been working with New Valley Church to prepare for our Easter Egg Hunt. We are expecting around 600 kids to be there.
- We have gotten all of the candy and prizes for the Egg Hunt. New Valley Church has volunteers that will be filling all of the eggs.
- There will be 3 bouncy houses and a place where kids can get temporary tattoos.

#### Rosenwald Open House/Block Party

- Saturday May 6th at the Rosenwald Community Center
- We have just started planning for our annual Block Party at Rosenwald! We expect around 500 people to be here.
- Sooners BBQ will be here and each guest will receive a ticket for a meal from them.
- There will be live music, activities, scavenger hunt inside Rosenwald, and we will be dedicating our new outdoor basketball court followed by a 3 on 3 tournament or best shot contest.

#### Petpawlooza

- Saturday May 13th at Coyner Springs Park
- Our annual Petpawlooza is back!

- There will be dog shows from the Marvelous Mutts, dog vendors, food, and more. We are inviting everyone to come out and have a fun day with their furry friends!

#### Groovin' on The Greenway

- Every Thursday from May 18th to July 27th in Constitution Park
- Our Groovin' lineup of bands and food trucks are finalized. We are excited to announce it within the next week.
- Blue Ridge Childrens Museum will be back again with the kids' corner at every Groovin' performance.

### **AMANDA REEVE - Event Coordinator:**

#### ***Races***

##### Park to Park ½ Marathon – April 29, 2023

- Currently working to recruit volunteers.
- Continue to advertise and promote registration.
- Work on race logistics including but not limited do coordinating with Augusta County Parks and Recreation, Waynesboro PD, Augusta County Sheriff's Office, Norfolk Southern Railroad, AWP, and others.

We need you! Thank you for having a group of commission members at the Run the Valley Race last year to man one of the water stops. I hope you will be able to participate again this year. You would need to arrive at 7am to get setup for runners to come by at 7:30am.

For those interested please email me at [reeveag@ci.waynesboro.va.us](mailto:reeveag@ci.waynesboro.va.us) by the end of March. Ideally it takes 3 volunteers to man an aid station. Thank you for your consideration!

##### FUN2RUN Mud Run – June 3, 2023

- Registration is open!
- Recruit volunteers.
- Work with community sponsors.
- Currently booking slip n slides for the finish line. Last year was the first time we used inflatable slip n slide finish line. Previously we constructed a massive one on the park hill which was fun but carried it's own set of challenges. Last year was a success with the inflatable so that is the plan for this year.

##### Sunrise Spectacular Race – July 8, 2022

- Registration will open in the next month

Run the Valley Race Series has a new set of collectable medals this year. Once all 4 medals are in. I will send them along to the commission meeting for you all to see.

#### ***Events***

##### Tree Planting Day – was March 14

In addition to the 5 larger trees, we planted at Coyner Springs Park back in the fall, we will be adding 100 saplings to the same area.

##### Virginia Beach Race Expo – March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

- I will be attending the Virginia Beach Shamrock Marathon Race Weekend to promote the Run the Valley race series. I will be doing a give-a-way of a one-night stay at the Best Western Inn and Suites in Waynesboro

### **STEPHANIE SELTZER - Project Manager:**

#### **Projects**

##### South River Preserve

- Due to the technical nature of some of the questions received we extended our time to formulate answers by one week and also gave bidders an additional week to get bids together.
- Bids are now due on Monday 3/20/23.

##### Sunset Park

- E&S is being installed across the project and Limit of Disturbance survey work is being completed.
- The Sunset hiking and biking trail plan was completed. This work was paid for by a grant received by the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition. They have plans to begin a funding campaign in Feb/March to raise enough money to build at least 2 miles of the 4 miles of proposed trails.

- Secured \$10,000 from a Drive Grant with the help of Tourism to help purchase amenities like tables and bike racks for Sunset.

South River Greenway Phase 2B

- Additional Buy America Documentation has been requested by VDOT from the contractor and the final reimbursement request is being held until this information is received.

South River Greenway Phase 4

- RDA is working on 60% plans that will be submitted to VDOT for review and approval.
- RDA/LDPA completed a landscape design for the trail showing some improvements that could be possible to enhance the corridor. See attached.
- Once NEPA and 60% plans are reviewed, the city will post a notice of willingness. The public will be able to review plans, ask questions, and request a formal public hearing.
- An offer is still on the table for the Eagle Real Estate parcel. I spoke with the potential buyer numerous times about the property and the greenway project. I coordinated a meeting between him and various departments- planning, building and zoning, etc.- to discuss his plans for the property to ensure it was viable.

Loth Natural Area

- Design is complete and has been submitted to the city for formal review.

Rosenwald Basketball Court Project

- Still waiting for temperatures to rise to permit painting.

Shenandoah Valley Plant Symposium

- To date we have 140 tickets sold to the event. We expect the final numbers to be around 150 or so.
- Registration will close on Monday, March 20.
- Panera will do boxed lunches for the event.

Misc

- Met with CIP committee to discuss the projects that were submitted.
- Gave a project update to a Roundtable group on 3/9/23 at Stella, Bella, and Lucy. There were about 20 prominent members of the community in attendance.

Counters: 2023

### Master Summary

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Year	Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	ADT†	ADT†x365	Days with data
2023	Coyner Spgs <sup>D</sup>	4,265	4,782	5,022*										153.483	56,021	60
	GW_LothSpgs <sup>D</sup>	3,452	3,695	5,208*										121.917	44,500	60
	GW_north <sup>D</sup>		3,423*	4,030*										122.750	44,804	16
	North Park <sup>D</sup>	7,019	4,995	5,022*										202.933	74,071	60
	Ridgeview <sup>D</sup>	3,598	4,958	5,704*										145.667	53,168	60
	Serenity	1,054	1,163	1,209*										37.600	13,724	60

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

\* = based upon that month's ADT [Learn more](#) Indicates months with less than 6 days of data.

<sup>D</sup> = divide by 2 applied [Learn more](#)