

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
ADVANCE AGENDA
MEETING TO BE HELD Wednesday May 17, 2023
Rosenwald Community Center**

WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF March 20, 2023

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

MEMBERS – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

VISITORS – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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PRESENT

Jim Wood, Council Representative
Robert Kuykendall, Chair
Donna Ownby
Jared Bissinger

ABSENT

Jabriel Tyler
Vicky Ferreira

VISITORS

Charlie McCauley

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFF: Dwayne Jones, Kayla Coakley

Mr. Jones opened the meeting at 6:01 P.M. at Rosenwald Community Center. He asked the committee members to review the meeting minutes from the last meeting on March 20, 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.

- **War Memorial Pool** is finished and retaining water. We are very excited for the community in the upcoming season with the addition of the Splash Pad.
- **Soccer season has begun** we have painted all fields for use.
- **Half round fencing** was installed at Rosenwald community around the playground and basketball court for children's safety and to help cars refrain from parking in the grass.
- The **HVAC** project here at Rosenwald Community Center is scheduled to be done within the next 3-4 weeks.
- **Park Restrooms** are being opened for the season.
- **Plant Symposium** is this Friday. It has been moved to Wayne Theatre for better sound and screen quality.
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is April 8th this year. We are going a little bigger than usual with the expectation of 600 children from the surrounding communities.
- **Rosenwald Block Party/Open House** is Saturday May 6th. We have a food truck, live music, a scavenger hunt, and will dedicating our new basketball court with a 3 on 3 tournament.
- **Groovin on the Greenway** is completely booked and will run every Thursday from May 18-July 27th.
- **Petpawlooza** will be May 13th at Coyner Springs. Come out and see the Marvelous Mutts Perform.
- **Park to Park ½ Marathon** is April 29th.
- **FUN2FUN Mud Run** is June 3rd. Registration will open next month.
- We planted 100 saplings at Coyner Spring Park with the help of **Kate Collins Gardening Club**.
- Dwayne will be apart of a short film that **Shenandoah Bike Collision** is producing for a Grant to create trails at Sunset Park.
- **South River Preserve** bids are due today March 20, 2023.
- **Loft Springs** design is complete and has been submitted to the city for formal review.
- **Rosenwald Basketball Court** will be Dedication in May at Rosenwald Block Party.
- **Commission Member Donna** expressed a desire for a kiosk in Basic Park.
- **Council Representative Jim** mentioned when we need volunteers for event to reach out to Fishburne, they have Volunteer hours they need to complete. An example being the key club.
- **Our guest Mr. Charlie McCauley** took the floor to discuss his frustration and concerns at Ridgeview Cemetery.

Mr. Jones closed the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Coakley
Office Manager

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT – May 17, 2023

MIKE ALLEN - Parks Maintenance Supervisor:

- The Rosenwald roof project has been completed with a new layer of Puff coating applied
- The War Memorial pool project is almost completed. We've started our cleaning of the pool for the upcoming season.
- The water has been turned on to all the parks and everything is working properly
- Four new faucets were installed at the amphitheater restrooms due to broken plumbing over the winter
- The new HVAC system at complete and working at Rosenwald
- The concert shell on the Greenway is up and ready for Groovin the Greenway

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.
- 100 tree seedlings were planted with volunteers at Coyner Springs Park.
- Stephanie and I gave a presentation to the Rose Cliff Garden Club about the history and future of Coyner Springs Park. The club members really enjoyed their meeting at Rosenwald and the presentation.
- We have seven seasonal employees at this time.
- The baskets were planted for downtown and stayed in the greenhouses at Milmont for about five weeks and have now been hung downtown.
- All back flow preventers for our irrigation systems have been inspected and irrigation systems are operational.
- Our annual Arbor Day Celebration was held at Ridgeview Park, Friday, April 21, 2023. The first-grade classes from Berkeley Glenn Elementary School enjoyed participating in a tree planting, and other tree related activities.
- We have begun cleaning out our annual beds and replanting with summer annuals.
- A group of volunteers from the Waynesboro Ecumenical Group planted six trees in Ridgeview Park.

KYLIE RITTS- Special Events Coordinator:

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

- Saturday April 8th in Ridgeview Park
- This event went great with a huge turnout of 800 kids.

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.

*We had a great turnout. There were around 300 people there throughout the day

*We had a great community feedback and can't wait to do it next year

Petpawlooza

- Saturday May 13th at Coyner Springs Park
- Our annual Petpawlooza is back!
- The rain didn't stop us for Petpawlooza!
- We had 20 different vendors and the Marvelous Mutts who put on great performances
- We had a great turnout even though it rained off and on all day. We would have had an even better turnout if the rain would have stayed away!

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 just announced it and have gotten a lot of great feedback back.
- Blue Ridge Childrens Museum will be back again with the kids corner at every Groovin' performance.
- We have began hanging our posters for Groovin'.

Sunset Spectacular

- Saturday July 8th at Constitution Park
- We are in the process of getting the firework show put together and possibly doing something in Constitution Park with a band and food truck

AMANDA REEVE - Event Coordinator:

Races

Run the Valley Race Series

- The Mad Anthony Mud Run and Park to Park ½ Marathon were both a great success. We had 58 runners participate in both. Those 58 are still in the running for Run the Valley Series Champions as long as they also complete the summer 5K and fall 10K. That's a great number, more than previous years.
- The new series of medals have been well received. As you previously saw, they 4 medals join to create a stain glass effect with the appearance of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Each runner who completes all 4 races will receive an additional sun charm to add to the collection and make the completed picture that much better.

Kids Mud Run – June 3 (We currently have 150 kids registered and a price increase/shirt order coming up this week.)

- Obstacle layout is the task of the week. The finish line will be moved to make it more accessible to power for the inflatables and spectators. Therefore, I assessing the overall layout and may switch a few obstacles position for better flow.
- This event more than any other requires a lot of assistance on the course. We are grateful for volunteers from Kiwanis to the Waynesboro Generals Baseball team and more. We are still working to acquire additional helpers but we are well underway.

Sunrise Spectacular Race – July 8 (just 30 runners registered at this time but this is not unusual as the race is still 2 months away.)

- Registration is open
- Promote Registration via e-blasts to past participants and on social media
- Working with Relay for Life for beneficiary and volunteers

Fall Foliage Race – October 14

- Registration for this race will open soon and planning will begin
- At the end of this race we will crown the Run the Valley Champs for 2023!

SPORTS

Pool Operations

- Have worked with Rob Rule to establish pool hours, fees, etc... for summer 2023
- Worked with EMS to update AED for the pool facility
- Made updates to the city website and promo posts of Facebook for opening of the season

Spring WYBS, Augusta United, and field use

- Established FUA's with all regular uses
- Have had regular communication weekend with each organizations director to assure rules are followed and expectations are met on both sides.
- Determine a new field paint for soccer fields was necessary. Research, order, and obtained new paint that is working very well with the fields and equipment and we believe will have more staying power.

STEPHANIE SELTZER - Project Manager:

Projects

South River Preserve

- We are negotiating scope with Summit to bring get the project back on budget.

Sunset Park

- Construction began in earnest on this project. Grading and the foundation for the restroom is complete as is the clearing for the septic system.
- The restroom and shelter are underway and moving steadily toward completion.
- The parking area and roadway are getting their base aggregate and will be ready for the asphalt base very soon.
- See pictures.

South River Greenway Phase 2B

- The final reimbursement has been submitted. This will totally close out the project.

South River Greenway Phase 4

- RDA has submitted design plans to VDOT for review. The City is also reviewing plans. Once the review is complete we will begin working on addressing the comments and the creation of 100% plans.
- Environmental review and the NEPA document is nearly complete and with plans and that document we will be ready for public comment.
- The person interested in the purchase of the property has backed out. The City put in an offer on a permanent easement for the trail and river’s edge. The owner has countered with a request to purchase the property for \$150,000. City is not interested in obtaining additional property at this time. The person previously interested reconsidered and is now in fact purchasing the property and should close on June 1. The City will now need to take up negotiations for an easement with the new owner.

Loth Natural Area

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

Rosenwald Basketball Court Project

- Painting and lining of the court is supposed to happen the week of April 17 and the court was dedicated at the Rosenwald Block Party and Open House.

Misc

- Working with three different eagle scouts on various projects at the parks. One at North doing picnic tables and bug condos, one at Ridgeview doing a hammock nest, and one along the greenway potentially marking distances.

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 ^D	4,265	4,782	6,585	5,501	4,867*								174.504	63,694	131
	GW_LothSpgs ^D	3,452	3,695	3,929	4,865	5,028*								135.305	49,386	131
	GW_north ^D		3,423*	3,406	4,297	3,945*								125.713	45,885	87
	North Park ^D	7,019	4,995	9,116	9,590	10,966*								264.206	96,435	131
	Ridgeview ^D	3,598	4,958	5,704*										145.667	53,168	60
	Serenity	1,054	1,163	1,364	1,787	1,598*								45.305	16,536	131

ADT† = Average Daily Traffic

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

^D = divide by 2 applied [Learn more](#)

Sunset Images

