

**Date:** November 27, 2023

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Prepared by:** Julia Smajdek

**Location:** Hope Mills Parks and Recreation

**Attendees:** Dr. McCray, Mark Hess, Deanna Rosario, Marie Callender, Evelyn Barnes, Lamarco Morrison, Maxey Dove, Julia Smajdek

**Absent:** Trea Jenkins, Antoine McGill, Brian McDonald, Ryan Ray

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hess at 6:37pm

### **Review Agenda**

Ms. Rosario made a motion to accept the agenda with additions and Ms. Callender seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

### **Review Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Barnes made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes and Ms. Rosario seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

1. **Heritage Park -** The project is currently out to bid and the schedule has been revised. The Town will accept bids on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2pm at the Parks and Recreation Building. There will be a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Veteran's Memorial Improvements -** George Rose, PE has developed a concept for the new parking area, and it has been approved by Lamarco. He is now completing the design work including the civil engineering. Will bid this project in early January 2024.
3. **Sports Complex Development (Golf Course Property) -** Lamarco is in the process of revising the design contract due to increased scope of an \$8 million budget, but wanted to wait until the new Board is in office before we request approval. The project is currently on hold until then. Staff met with Terry Grimbale in September to review possible sites at the Golfview Greenway site for a 2-acre skatepark. The Friends of the Skatepark will conduct monthly meetings at the Parks and Recreation Center to discuss fundraising strategies and design for the park.

4. **Old North State League Lease Agreement** - The agreement has been executed, and Ballred has begun planning the renovations to the fields and concessions stand. The lease agreement is iron clad to take care of the Town and the team. The name that won the competition was The Hope Mills Rockfish. Contractor is currently reaching out to vendors to start the process. The concession stand will have a second window as well as heat. As well as new fencing. Looking to transform the entrance to the park by the library. They will also update the press box, and the area around it. They are looking at updating the parking lot on that side of the park. They will pay to extend the irrigation system. All of these improvements will also benefit our programs when the team isn't using it.
  
5. **Work Order Software** - Now that the inventory data on assets and building have been imported into the software. HMPR and the Public Works Department is currently in training until Thursday. The Town anticipates going live with the software in January 2024.

### **New Business**

6. **Reid's Journey Inclusive Play Complex phase II** - Staff is currently working with Lowe's management to provide the materials and labor to install a large shelter. We are also looking at a full furniture package including trash receptacles, benches, picnic tables and landscaping. The goal is to have this updated by the time we have the official ribbon for the Splashpad. Working on adding cameras to this area to help deter vandalism.
  
7. **Ole Mill Days Update** - Debbie Jones and the Hope Mills Police Foundation is officially sponsoring Ole Mills Day on October 19, 2024. Activities will include arts & crafts vendors, food trucks, beer garden, petting zoo, bounce house, face painting, pumpkin carving, reunion luncheon, tractor pull and a movie screening after dark. For more information call Debbie at (910)-424-4497 or (910) 425-4103.
  
8. **Programs** -
  - a. Christmas Luncheon Update: The luncheon is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. HMPR has changed catering companies. The new caterer is Southern Experience. Registration is open now and tickets are \$15.00. There will be a DJ this year. 81/100 spots are already filled.
  - b. BINGOcize is coming January 2024. It is evidence-based health promotion program. Registration is currently open; 9/20 spots are already filled.
  - c. Carolina Critters/preschool/nature program is moving to Tuesdays beginning in January 2024. It has been held on Saturdays since August.

- d. Ultimate Workout class will take a temporary hiatus for the month of December
- e. Staff is looking into finding a maintenance provider that will service our treadmills and cardio equipment. We currently have two treadmills that need repair.

### **Special Events**

- f. Christmas at the lake - Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30pm
  - g. Breakfast with Santa - Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am - 11am at the Public Safety Center.
  - h. Christmas Parade - Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm; begins at Rockfish Elementary and ends at Hope Mills Middle School.
  - i. Santa and Sirens - December 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8pm - The route maps are posted on the Town Website.
9. **Athletics Report** - Basketball registration ended November 26<sup>th</sup>
- a. We are up an additional 4 teams from last year
  - b. We also lost a practice space that hosted 4 teams for us.
  - c. Total of 486 children registered.
    - i. 8u and 10u are each up a team
    - ii. Girls teams are up this year
    - iii. We have also started winter cheerleading
    - iv. Looking to hire scorekeepers

Ms. Rosario made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Barnes seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm**