



# PARKS & RECREATION

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**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2026

**Time:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hess at 6:33 pm

**Prepared by:** Brenda Williams

**Location:** Thomas Campbell Oakman Chapel

**Roll Call:** Completed by Chairperson Mark Hess

**Attendees:** Commissioner Lisa Tremmel, Chairperson Mark Hess, Secretary Brenda Williams, Marie Callender, Evelyn Barnes, Dadma Consalvi, Parks & Recreation Director, Lamaro Morrison, Maxey Dove

**Absent:** Dadma Consalvi (excused) Dr. Anthony Farris (excused) Dr. Tera Jordan (excused)

**Guests:** Sierra Robbins (Distinctly Fayetteville/Sport Development Manager)

**Review Agenda** – Bylaws and Ordinances added to agenda as #13 New Business.

*Mr. McGill made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.*

**Review January 29, 2026 meeting minutes:** *Ms. Callender made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.*

## **Park Development Old Business:**

### **Heritage Park Phase II-**

- a. The Town submitted revisions to the LWFC grant last week and will find out if the Town was awarded the \$500K grant in September 2026.
- b. The Town will apply for a second round of PARTF grant funding in May.
- c. Hope Mills Parks & Recreation is in contract negotiations with The East Group to complete schematic design phase for Heritage Park Phase II.

### **Side Discussions:**

- o Land banking for Parks & Recreation expansion
- o Property adjacent to Heritage Park- is it available?

**Town Lake Park Improvements-** The East Group has completed the conceptual phase for the project and the Board approved Design Option #3.

- The East Group will complete the master plan, and then go into the construction documents phase of the project.

**Side Discussions:**

- Lake playground- Priority is a safe location
- Dock erosion issues with solutions

**Outdoor Basketball Court Renovations:** The town has paid the deposit to the contractor who will return to the site and begin repairs. Contractor will be onsite Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Repairs will be completed in 14 days.

- The Town will pay the \$2,000 deductible and the insurance company will subrogate against the at fault party

**Juneteenth Liberty and Legacy Celebration 2026-** The town has secured commitments from two live bands, Cumulus Media Group, and a Master of Ceremonies.

- Date: June 20, 2026
- Location- The Hive 414 Bullard Street, Hope Mills, NC 28348
- Max 40 vendors and 7 Food Trucks
- Vendor Registration opens March 1, 2026
- Vendors include craftsmen, artists, goods, food, etc.
- The Town is working with Cumulus to secure sponsorships and will split the revenues 50/50 with the Town.
- Smaller celebration than the previous year due to the absence of grant funding.
- Live Broadcasting from venue courtesy of Cumulus
- Volunteers needed

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Top Priorities from the Board of Commissions**

- Recreation Center- Staff to provide insight on the direction the Town should pursue to facilitate this initiative (property purchase, and development of Golfview)
- Sports complex- Hodges property status update (land acquisition appraisal)
- Lake Park Parking Lot- Status of design and construction document

**Side Discussions:**

- Golfview sidewalk pavement

### **Secondary Priorities**

- Senior Center-plan to renovate the existing Recreation Center and update cost estimate
- On March 6<sup>th</sup>, HMPR will present its own priorities to the Board of Commissioners and need input from P&R Advisory Board.

### **Side Discussions:**

- Renovation of existing outdoor tennis courts with pickleball markings
- LWCF funding requirements for tennis court replacement within a half-mile radius
- Ed Herring Park priority
  - add new picnic tables, grills, shelter
  - Potential community cookout/picnic event

### **Athletics Reports: Maxey Dove**

- **Basketball** -The Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Athletic Department is currently operating in the winter sports season, with basketball and cheerleading programs actively underway. Participation remains strong across all age groups, while staff continue preparing for the upcoming spring season. Multiple facilities are being utilized to support games and practices, and scheduling adjustments are ongoing due to weather-related cancellations. Last regular season game is Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. HMPR will be sending 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U all-star basketball teams to tournaments in Butner, NC on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Players will continue practice at the Rec Center the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> to prepare.
- **Wrestling**- Registration completed with 63 wrestlers for the 2026 season. Nightly practice continues at Brower Park and the first match is Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Spring Season**- Registration closes February 28, 2026. As of today, there are 345 Baseball players, 142 Softball players, and 146 Indoor Soccer players signed up. Opening Day and Ceremony is Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Brower Park.
- Overall, participation remains strong, with notable growth in girls' sports. Staff continue focusing on safety, scheduling efficiency, and program development. Equipment preparation and coach recruitment are ongoing.

## **February Revenue and Activity Report**

- New Punch Pass Sales- \$210
- Fitness Room & Open Gym- \$6,558
- Facility/Rental Reservations- \$2,255
- Athletics- \$29,275

## **Special Events and Senior Programs**

- Total Participants 1.528
- Resident Generated Revenue- \$12,889
- Non-Resident Generated Revenue- \$3085
- Total- \$15,974

## **Grand Total for February 2026- \$54,172**

## **Programs and Special Events**

### **Hoops After Dark Series**

- Date: June 12, 2026
- Youth (ages 13–17): 5:00 PM
- Adult Division (18+): 8:00 PM

### **The Great BBQ Throwdown**

- Date: July 2, 2026
- Location: HMPR Center
- Includes BBQ chicken competition, dancing, games, and DJ.
- Additional food options include hot dogs and hamburgers.
- Registration opens March 2.
- Tickets: \$30; 50% early-bird discount for ages 55+ through April 6, 2026.

## **Bylaws and Ordinances**

- Guidelines for the Parks & Recreation Committee were presented. Lamaro Morrison is updating Code of Ordinance language and implementing necessary bylaw changes with Board approval.

**Side Discussions**

- o Appearance Committee website requires updates on Town webpage.
- o HMPR may submit special events and program information to Sierra Robbins (Distinctly Fayetteville) for inclusion on their social media events calendar.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. McGill, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously,

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

**Next Meeting**

March 23, 2026-6:30 PM  
Thomas Campbell Oakman Chapel

Chairman of the Board:  Date: March 23, 2026  
Secretary of the Board: Brenda Williams Date: March 23, 2026  
Mark Hess  
Brenda Williams

