

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
June 3, 2024

**Attendance:** Annetta Macedonia, Chair, Sue Smith, Mary Schumaker, Jeff Hamilton, Samantha Torres, Parks Aide

**Call To Order:** 6:30pm by Chair Annetta Macedonia

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve meeting minutes from May 7, 2024 by Sue Smith, seconded by Mary Schumaker. All in favor; minutes approved.

**Call to Public:** None, no public.

**Pickleball** – Annetta would like to scratch the VersaCourt idea and consider starting over. Sue said she had 15 people here the other day and the more people she talks to, they seem willing to give up a little bounce for it to be easier on the knees. Annetta does not want to turn back in a few years and think it was not done right. Adequate room for four courts with room between them. Could get it re-asphalted and put in another 4 feet and know that it was done right. Annetta was leaning toward the VersaCourt and talked to someone who did not like the feel of it. \$35,000 from the budget for pickleball courts; commission would need to come up with the rest. Next step is to get some bids to know what amount to ask for. Annetta would like to go in phases. Court in, nets, fencing. Not all at once. If not, still don't have the money for VersaCourt so not giving up any time. Get everyone on the same page tonight. Grants could be done. Mary thinks the VersaCourt surface is too new and has serious reservations about it. Jeff suggested finding out who is doing the pickleball courts in Heath. Jeff would rather wait. Doing VersaCourt is kind of risky. Would rather have it right instead of putting a band-aid on things. Sue talks to the pickleball people and they have said they are interested in it since it has some give and many have knee braces or other bodily injuries where this will relieve some of that. Sue is trying to stay neutral because she will play out there no matter what. Annetta said think of it in the long term. Could start to make some revenue from it to have tournaments and involve surrounding areas. Mary will get as much information as she can about the VersaCourt. Maybe meet in the middle of the month to get her feedback or Mary send an email of her findings. Still don't have the money for it but still need to decide VersaCourt or re-asphalting to know how much will be needed to additionally raise.

**Commission Vacancy** – Some interested parties but no responses about this yet.

**I Walked the Whole Damn Dam Event** – June 29<sup>th</sup> – have all our sponsors for t-shirt. 111 walkers signed up and paid so far.

Coffee and donuts table at the start. Five tables altogether – one at each end, one each mile between. Post phone number for Party Bus if someone needs it before the finish line. Gatorade, water, apples, bananas, Nutri-grain bars. Pop-up tents and chairs for shade. Need a few more volunteers and sponsors for snack tables. Will meet again June 17<sup>th</sup> 10am at North Shore for a review of setup for the walk event and finalizing setup necessities.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Sue Smith, seconded by Mary Schumaker, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 2, 2024



Samantha Torres, ~~Council Clerk~~  
Parks Aide



Annetta Macedonia, Commission Chair