

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

The Zebulon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a meeting on Saturday, May 18th at 9 AM for the purpose of conducting a retreat. The meeting was held at Zebulon Town Hall, 1003 N. Arendell Avenue.

The following Advisory Board members were present: Garrett Underhill, Brandon Wiggins, Marcus Bennett, David Field, Wendi Watson, Dexter Privette, Quinton Taylor. Quinton Taylor arrived at 9:10 AM.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Brandon Wiggins called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Dexter Privette made a motion to approve the agenda.

2nd: Wendi Watson

All voted in favor

3. Presentations/ Work Session

- a. Recreation Resources Service: Advisory Board Training:

Recreation Resources Service (RRS) will share how they support communities across the state to enhance parks and recreation programs, projects, and initiatives. RRS will provide a presentation designed to provide useful information to the Advisory Board to support them in their efforts to enhance and improve parks and recreation opportunities in the Town of Zebulon. The Advisory Board will engage in discussion about how this provided information can be used to help shape their year ahead.

Recreation Resources Service provided a presentation that informed the Advisory Board how they serve recreation providers across the state. The advisory board also received information on how they can best support the community and recreation in Zebulon. The training included dialogue amongst the board and summarized below:

What is one word that describes the citizens:

- Family
- Friendly

How does ZPRD enhance the life of Zebulon residents:

- Opportunity to destress
- Get "you time"
- Enjoy Family
- Opportunity for a variety of experiences
- Build relationships with other organizations
- Life balance

What is your favorite Park (anywhere)

- Whitley Park
- Little River Park
- Community Park
- Any park in Hawaii
- NC Museum of Art
- We have a park for any mood

How do you define your role:

- Creative ideas
- Inform the community
- Assist the department
- Supportive
- Inclusion and diversity
- Creating connections and understanding
- Engaging the community
- Build relationships
- Seat at the table
- Getting knowledge and sharing

How can you advocate:

- Advocate for inclusion, youth, more programs in parks, and work force development
- More visibility to what we have already
- Be more visible as a member
- Engage in conversation

Dexter made a motion he be excused at 11 AM.

Wendi: 2nd

All voted in Favor

b. Park Tour

The Advisory Board will visit Little River Park to discuss the status of Phase 1, future phases and regional connections.

Brandon made a motion to move the park tour to Monday's meeting.

David: 2nd

All voted in favor

Brandon made a motion he be excused from the remainder of the meeting at 11:40 AM

Quinton: 2nd

All voted in favor

Sheila shared the tour could be at the end of their meeting on Monday.

4. Adjournment

Quinton made a motion to Adjourn

Wendi: 2nd

All voted in favor.