**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

**September Minutes**

The Zebulon Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met Monday, September 18th tat 6pm.

This meeting was held at Zebulon Town Hall, 1003 N. Arendell Avenue.

**Present Advisory Board Members:**

Brandon Wiggins, Wendi Watson, Garrett Underhill, Quinton Taylor

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order

Brandon Wiggins called to order at 6:07 PM.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Wendi Watson

2nd: Garrett Underhill

All voted in favor.

3. Public Comment

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes. Anyone wishing to speak must sign up by 5:50 PM. Public

comment may be limited to 15 minutes.

* None.

4. Consent

A. Adoption of Minutes

1. August 21st , 2023

Motion: Wendi Watson as amended to remove Garrett Underhill’s name from the attendance.

2nd: Quinton Taylor

All voted in favor.

5. Old Business

A. How We Play

Sheila Long reviewed a visual preference activity for the board on How We Play. The members privately responded to the exercise and then reported out their selections and engaged in discussion.

Results were as follows:

Neighborhood Parks Wendi Watson, Brandon Watson, Quinton Taylor

Greenways All

Athletic Fields Quinton Taylor

Basketball Courts Garret Underhill, Quinton Taylor

Tennis Courts Garret Underhill, Quinton Taylor

Athletic Programs Wendi Watson, Brandon Wiggins, Quinton Taylor

Fitness Programs Brandon Wiggins

Senior Programs Wendi Watson

Aquatic Programs Wendi Watson

Splash Pad Brandon Wiggins, Wendi Watson

Downtown Park Quinton Taylor

Sports Complex Garrett Underhill, Brandon Wiggins

Pickleball Garrett Underhill

Playgrounds Quinton Taylor, Wendi Watson, Garrett Underhill

Meeting Space Brandon Wiggins

Wayfinding/Signage Brandon Wiggins, Garrett Underhill

Amphitheater Wendi Watson

Public Art Brandon Wiggins, Garrett Underhill

Gymnasium All

Summer camps Garrett Underhill, Quinton Taylor

Special Events Quinton Taylor, Wendi Watson, Garret Underhill

Adult Sports Garrett Underhill

Special Needs Brandon Wiggins, Wendi Watson

Preschool Quinton Taylor

Outdoor Fitness Brandon Wiggins, Wendi Watson

Other Programs: Teen Programs, Theater Programs

3/5/10 year goals:

3 year

* + Athletics
	+ Get more support to meet demand
	+ Focus on quality
	+ Gymnasium
	+ Neighborhood Parks
	+ Acquire Land
	+ Keep up with growth
	+ Splash Pad
	+ Special Needs Programs

5 year

* + Greenway Connections
	+ ZCP Expansion
	+ Communications & Branding
	+ Landscape standard
	+ Signage

10 year

* + Pool
	+ DT Park
	+ More important to have it connected
	+ Multipurpose Rec Facility

B. Gill St Playground

Sheila Long reviewed a visual preference activity for the board on the Gill St Playground Project. The members privately responded to the exercise and then reported out their selections and engaged in discussion.

Results were as follows:

Image 1 (Pour in place, red border)

Garrett Underhill: Trees incorporated into play space, elevation changes

Image 4 (wooden climbing wall with slide)

Wendi Watson, Quinton Taylor: more engaging, safe challenge, climbing

Image 5 (mixed surfacing, metal slide)

Brandon Wiggins, Quinton Taylor: natural mound & green space, TP, elevation changes, sight lines, netting provide a sensory opportunity, mix of wood and grass surfacing, slide

Image 8 (twisting climbing wall w/ a view)

Brandon Wiggins, Quinton Taylor: offered an oasis feel with the use of palm trees in the landscaping, would be an escape for adults, condensed, creative play, climbing rope structure, big variety in small space, diverse play

Image 9 (green, blue, and yellow modern)

Wendi Watson: Creative, a lot going on, colors, shade

Image 10 (tree play structure)

Wendi Watson, Brandon Wiggins, Garrett Underhill: Natural looking space, creative play, condensed, tree house

Image 12 (deck and slide w/ green panels)

Garrett Underhill: opportunity for older kids with adults, sturdy, lots to do

Other Play considerations:

* Sensory
* Teen social spaces
* Music stations
* In ground trampoline

6. Open Discussion

* Brandon Wiggins shared he thought the Bojangles signs regarding Popeyes were funny and that the community has a sense of humor. Quinton Taylor noted there was a need for a comedy club
* Wendi Watson mentioned the upcoming Business After Hours with the Chamber of Commerce
* There was discussion regarding

7. Staff Updates

* Staff will continue working with the community on How We Play and Gill St Playground project. Both engagement opportunities will be highlighted at the upcoming Gill St Cookout. There are also surveys online.
* Basketball registration is in process

8. Adjournment

Motion: Wendi Watson

2nd: Garrett Underhill

All in favor