



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 8, 2021

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 PARK PLAZA
6:30 PM

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL** **Members**

- Dennis Mitchell (Chair)
- Sandy Barth
- Scott Doll
- Kevin Johnson
- John Norton
- Karla Piedrahita
- Cheryl Rand
- Shuntel Beach (Absent)
- Arijit Saha (Absent)

Staff Present

- Morgan Rodgers, Director ARPS
- Matt Casey, Wills Park Manager
- Kurt Kirby, Project Manager
- Eric Milley, Park Services
- Amanda Musilli, Community Services Manager,
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager
- Elle Taylor, Administrative Office Coordinator
- Kim Zane, Cultural Services Manager (Absent)

III. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2021

- ❖ Commissioner Rand offered a motion to approve.
 - Commissioner Doll seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (7-0)

V. GUEST

a. RAMBO (Roswell Alpharetta Mountain Bike Organization)

Mark McCabe and Brian Kramer gave history and overview of the organization.

- Chapter of Southern Off-road Bicycle Association
- 300 Members in the chapter
- Designed to manufacture, build and maintain mountain bike trails.
- First trail was in Alpharetta just north of YMCA.
- Trails in Roswell
- Would like to partner with the City of Alpharetta on an adaptive trail north off Rock Mill Park
- Would be the first in the state of Georgia.
- Difference between adaptive trail and informal trail
- Process of transformation
- RAMBO would maintain the trail.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Youth Association Banners

Christine Young, Director of Recreation Services read the proposed policy.

- Department Staff means Director Rodgers or Christine Young with input from Matt Casey and Eric Milley
- Determination of “Season” will be determined by Staff probably first game to last game with time period for set up.
- Determination for replacement of banners is Staff.
- Discussion of black windscreen, size will depend on the field, vendors will be decided by the Associations.
- Associations will give Staff plans for fees for banners.

- **Good trial for one year**
- **Staff will send policy changes discussed to the Board for review.**
- ❖ Commissioner Norton offered a motion to accept the policy.
 - Commissioner Doll seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved (4- 3) (Mitchell, Rand, Johnson)

VIII. REPORTS

a. DIVISIONS

Community Services - Amanda Musilli

Wills Park - Matt Casey

- Overgrown shrubs from the front of Community Center have been removed.
- More appropriate shrubs and grass have been planted for an updated look.
- Volunteer workday was held for Disc Golf hole # 16. This is the first showcase hole for enhancement of the course.
- Cub Scout Camp ended last week.
- We are gearing up for our large horseshow summer series.
 - We will be adding footing to the arenas and roadways to prepare for heavy usage for these larger events.

Recreation Services - Christine

Young

- **Programming Update:**
 - Summer camps are all underway
 - Highest number camp registrations in the past 5 years- up 56% from 2020; up 26% from 2019.
- **Special Need task Force**
 - Working together to get information out to the community about summer offerings. COA offering three free adaptive swim nights and JC offering a free movie night in September.
 - Collaborative brochure showing summer camps and activities.
 - Planning a Field Day in October, similar to Golden Games; COA will host and sponsorships will be sought after by the task force.
 - Special Needs Services and Expo will return early 2022 and will be hosted by Roswell.
- **Health & Wellness**
 - Trails and Ales in May- 53 people; biking event with Jekyll- 60 attendees.
- **Athletics**
 - AYSA & AYBA are into their summer seasons; Ambush Soccer has held tryouts for Fall and are looking forward to operating as an association come Fall season.

- AYSA tournament June 19-21; Braves Country Battle July 9-11; Triple Crown July 22-25
 - **Active Adults**
- AAAC opened on June 1st, as well as Preston Ridge for Active Adult programming. Great turn out at the AAAC! Preston Ridge had a few participants; will take time to generate interest.

Park Services - Eric Milley

- Preparation for tournament season
- **Project Management - Kurt Kirby**
- **Park Development:**
 - **Innovation Complex Athletics Facilities Renovations (Old Milton High School)**
Sandblasting, Baseball field conversion to soccer, restroom renovations, fencing around the stadium all will be completed by August 1.
 - **Wills Park Master Plan:**
 - Maintenance Facility: will go into a second round of design to finalize the building.
 - Equestrian Center Arena Ring: deadline for the Request for Proposal was extended to June 11.
 - **Greenway Extension:**
 - Soft opening was Memorial Weekend. The grand opening is set for June 21. BOLO for an invite.
 - **Park Improvements and Enhancements:**
 - **Town Green Turf Replacement:**
 - Installation is scheduled to begin June 1. Weather permitting it will be completed by June 30.
 - **North Park 1—4 Playground Replacement:**
 - Preparation is underway to replace the 20–25-year-old equipment. The goal is complete installation by July 14.
 - **Bocce Ball at North Park:**
 - Initial installation has been completed by the Scouts.
 - We are now going into the finishing phase which will include access to the courts, a viewing area, and amenities.
 - **Other Projects:**
 - Wills Park Tennis court resurfacing will occur in August.
 - Beaver Creek Park Greenway Access sidewalk repairs design is at 90% and are under review by Public Works.
- **Cultural Services - Kurt Kirby for Kim Zane**

- **Upcoming Cultural Happenings**
 - From the Artist Studio Michael Dillion –
Opens June 11 & Reception June 18 at Alpharetta Arts Center Gallery
 - Music Match Line-Up for June (see flyer)
- **Arts Center**
 - Paint the Town - Alpharetta Plein Air - May 18-22
Huge success, amazing painting and congratulations to Arts Alpharetta for raising over \$15K for Arts & Culture in Alpharetta
 - Summer Camps Lunched June 1 at the Arts Center – Camps are filled for most weeks.
- **Public Art**
 - Free Little LionART Gallery – First exhibit by Lionheart Works Program was May 20 and more exhibits to come
- **History**
 - Summer Camps Lunched June 7 at the Log Cabin – Registration is filled for Living History Camp

IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

X. Adjournment

- ❖ Commissioner Rand offered a motion to adjourn.
 - Commissioner Norton seconded the motion.
 - Motion was approved (7-0)