



## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

### **BUNTEN ROAD PARK**

THE MAX BUILDING  
3180 BUNTEN RD  
DULUTH, GA 30096

**JANUARY 11, 2023 AT 6:00PM**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

David Jones, Chair  
Sharon Parris, Co-Chair  
Alexis Server, Secretary  
Annette MacIntosh  
Mark Carter

Curt Lindner  
Ryan Marcinik  
Mary Odum  
Janice Wheeler

**PRESENT: David Jones, Sharon Parris, Alexis Server, Mark Carter, Curt Lindner, Ryan Marcinik, Mary Odum, Janice Wheeler**

**ABSENT: Annette MacIntosh**

**CITY REPRESENTATIVES: Kathy Marelle, Garin Butler, Jason Rogers, Brandon Davis, Karlee Smith**

#### **GUESTS:**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made Marcinik, seconded by Lindner to approve the September 14, 2022 minutes as presented. All for; motion carried.**

#### **III. 2022 PARKS AND PROGRAMS PRESENTATION**

Staff presented a review of the 2022 programs and activities including but not limited to: youth basketball, soccer, tennis, summer camp, quarterly recreational programs, active adult programs, yoga, fitness, pickleball, and i-9 sport.

#### **IV. 2023 SPLOST PROJECTS**

Staff presented the standards for park amenities (playgrounds, pavilions, trails, restrooms, fields, etc.) as well as the current conditions of such amenities. In addition, staff reported on the pending SPLOST projects and scheduled maintenance. Pending park repairs include but are not limited to the stabilization of Bunten Field and bank areas as well as the W.P. Jones Park and tennis area. Park infrastructure amenities and department activity operations to be implemented to meet the needs of the current community and trends. The Board also discussed the condition of the Bunten Park walking trail as well as the trail and bridge repairs for W.P. Jones Park.

#### **V. 2023 PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATES**

February - February 8 - Bunten Park

March - March 8 - Bunten Park

April - No scheduled meeting currently.

May - No scheduled meeting- possible Rogers Bridge ribbon cutting -mid May

June - No scheduled meeting - currently- summer camp

July - No scheduled meeting -currently- summer camp

August - August 9 - W.P. Jones

September - September 13- Bunten

October - October 11 - Bunten

November - November 8 - Bunten

December -December 13 - Bunten

#### **VI. PENDING PARK PROJECTS**

##### **A. Pickleball Courts at Bunten Park - Field 3 (13 courts)**

Due to the enormous growth of and interest in Pickleball, the City is proposing the conversion of a baseball field at Bunten Road Park to 13 courts and amenities. The Board discussed the proposed location of the Pickleball courts. Staff supported the use of Field 3 due to parking availability and retention pond proximity to accommodate runoff. Baseball and softball activities have declined at Bunten Road Park due to the number of local county parks providing these services.

##### **B. Bunten Walking Trail - complete renovation**

##### **C. Rogers Bridge Ribbon Cutting- TBA (April/ May 2023)**

##### **D. Rogers Bridge Phase II Construction - engineering in progress with construction to follow**

##### **E. W.P. Jones Erosion Projects - tennis and park areas**

- F. DPAC Taylor Park Art Project - staff presented the schematics of the proposed design concept of the interactive art/play area and the location of the proposed structure

**VII. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Odum, seconded by Marcinik to adjourn at 7:27pm. All for; motion carried.**

Approved this 8th day of February, 2023

Marion Parris  
Chairman

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Secretary/Witness

*Next meeting of the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee is Wednesday,*