

MINUTES OF CARTER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING HELD December 15th, 2020 at 801 East Elk Ave, Elizabethton, TN 37643

OPENING: Chairman Ken Gough called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

ROLL CALL: Erik Anderson conducted a rollcall. A quorum was present.

Patty Woodby (Mayor)	Absent	Randall Jenkins (Commission Liaison)	Present	Michael Warren (1)	Present
Erik Anderson (2)	Present	Mel McKay (3)	Present	Lisa McGinnis (4)	Present
Ken Gough (5)	Present	JR Campbell (6)	Absent	Charlie Mattioli (7)	Telcon
Mike Melton (8)	Present	Eliz Park and Rep	Absent		

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Minutes of the October 27th meeting were provided to members before the meeting. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented by common consent.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Green Bridge Landing** – Ken reported that the playset has been sandblasted and that we are waiting for in-person schooling to resume to be able to get it painted. The board discussed individual perspectives on water flow and flooding potentials at the convergence of the Doe and Little Doe River as it relates to maintaining a walking path. As decided in the October meeting the board will revisit the walking path rework in the spring.
2. **Shooting Park** – Nothing Significant to Report.
3. **Mountain Biking** – Elizabethton Park and Recreation did not get their grant for Hampton Watershed Trails expansion, therefore our matching funds will not be used. SORBA and the trail designer have been clearing some paths and the new trails will be flagged.
4. **Gap Creek Park** – Our “Healthy Place” grant did not make the cut for funding consideration. No progress on the bridge abutments.
5. **Overmountain Victory Trail** – Nothing Significant to Report
6. **Elizabethton P&R** – Mike Mains provided a written report earlier in the week.
7. **Birding** – The Herndon Birders continue work on *Birds of Carter County*. Once again COVID-19 and the inability of people to meet in person is impacting the birders work.
8. **Roan Mtn. Comm. Park** – Erik provided a written report. The Walking Trail extension is completed providing additional options for walkers. He will be meeting with two Disc Golf advocates in the coming month to discuss maintenance and improvements of the Roan Mountain Disc Golf Course. Milligan University has a Disc Golf team and there will be a professional disc golf tournament held at Wing Deer Park and two other locations August 3rd-7th 2021.
9. **Carter County’s Tweetsie Extension** – No additional progress on signage emplacement.
10. **Website update** – Nothing Significant to Report
11. **Road Cycling** – Nothing Significant to Report
12. **Pocket Parks** – JR was unable to participate due to Principal duties at Little Milligan associated with COVID-19. COVID-19 has also hampered the Fish Springs organization efforts. Erik will meet with the group at first opportunity.
13. **Blevins Road Lighting: No change.** We will pursue if cost savings can be realized.
14. **Master Plan update planning:** Erik reported that the survey and a cover letter was delivered to the School System. In person learning has been suspended since that delivery so we do not have

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any survey results. The Board discussed some alternative ways ahead. Ken and Erik will document board accomplishments since 2015 as that activity can be completed without COVID-19 impacts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Main Street Elizabethton:** The Main Street Elizabethton organization has asked via the NETREP Outdoor Development Manager that the Park and Recreation Board provide an update on County Parks and Recreation successes and future goals. Ken will provide that presentation on January 14th.
2. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 26th at 6:00 PM in the Mayor's conference room.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Anderson

Secretary