

**EDEN PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 1st, 2021**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 1st, 2021.

**Members Present:**

**Roy Fraizer  
Matt Warren  
Michael Yannotti  
Will Nance  
Ben Curtis  
Karla McDonald  
Dr. John Dabbs  
Charlene Pettie**

**Members Absent:**

**Judge Ed Wilson**

**Staff Present:**

**Terry Vernon**

**1. Meeting called to order**

Ben Curtis called the meeting to order.

**2. Roll call**

Ben Curtis made a record of everyone in attendance and established a quorum.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 4th, 2021**

Matt Warren made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th, 2021 meeting. Karla McDonald seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Terry Vernon shared the following with the Committee:

- The City Council has agreed to purchase the Putt Putt Set at Freedom Park and that it may be relocated near the Splash Pad and Dog Park at some time in the future.
- The Parks & Recreation Department is looking into offering tubing on the river. They are in the process of researching this activity and talking with Madison-Mayodan concerning their experience with it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Sub Committees met before the regular meeting to discuss and decide on a project they would like to pursue. The following projects were discussed:

- Greenspace: Complete the existing Greenway.
- Activities: Hire Part Time Directors for co-ed basketball, co-ed soccer, baseball, volleyball, softball, cheerleading and Adult Silver Sports. Ben Curtis shared that hiring part time Directors for these sports will enable them to build quality programs that will generate interest, credibility and participation. Create a Cornhole League with a tournament held during Riverfest and creation of a Senior Kickball League. The Committee would also like the Parks & Recreation Department to contract with First Tee and a local tennis instructor and offer golf and tennis lessons.
- Facilities: Look into repurposing facilities that are not being utilized to their fullest. John Dabbs shared that if Part Time Directors are hired that these programs will grow and the underutilized facilities would be used on a regular basis. In addition, there is a swing set at the Mill Ave. Recreation Center that needs to be repaired or replaced.

A motion was made by John Dabbs and seconded by Michael Yanotti to make the following recommendations to City Leadership. Ben will report at the next meeting on whether the City Council and City Manager are in favor of these events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Matt Warren made a motion for adjournment. John Dabbs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Parks & Recreation Advisory  
Committee