



**Parks, Recreation, and Greenways Board
Meeting Minutes**

**April 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
Marvin Village Hall, 10006 Marvin School Road**

Members Present: Chair Traub, Vice-Chair Culp, Jen Castellucci, Deb Sokol, Michael Vittone

Staff Present: Councilman Baresich (Council Liaison), Austin W. Yow, Poulami Das, Tyler Huneycutt, Davy Broom

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Traub called the meeting to order at 9am and determined a quorum was present.

B. CONSIDER ALLOWING REMOTE PARTICIPATION

No board members participated remotely.

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Vice-Chair Culp

To adopt the agenda as presented.

Vote: Motion Passed Unanimously

D. ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved by Chair Traub

To adopt the minutes from 3/4/25 (Regular & Joint with Council) as presented.

Vote: Motion Passed Unanimously

E. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one signed up to speak.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Review of 2020 Parks and Greenways Master Plan and Discussion of Questions for Future Community Survey

TIME STAMP 2:45

(See attached Item F1, which is included as a reference in these minutes.)

Mrs. Castellucci led the review of Chapter 6 of the 2020 Parks and Greenways Master Plan, which focused on implementation and funding strategies, as well as project prioritization. The Board then discussed questions for the future community survey, making minor adjustments. Austin Yow, Village Clerk & Assistant to the Manager, noted that he would take the Board's recommended survey questions to the Council for consideration.

Moved by Jen Castellucci

To recommend the list of additional/modified survey questions as amended.

Vote: Motion Passed Unanimously

2. Discussion of Memorial Bench to Honor Mike Cognac at Future Park Location

TIME STAMP 24:50

(See attached Item F2, which is included as a reference in these minutes.)

Tyler Huneycutt, Recreation Manager, noted that the Village Hall Park will begin construction in summer of 2025. He asked the Board for feedback/proposals for a memorial for former Mayor Mike Cognac. The Board noted their preference for a plaque with a longer inscription recognizing Mayor Cognac's contributions. Board members will research memorial options. Councilman Baresich will draft text to be included on a memorial plaque.

3. Discussion of Golf Cart Ordinance

TIME STAMP 37:30

Mr. Huneycutt opened the discussion of the Village's current golf cart ordinance. He asked the Board if they believed amendments to the ordinance was necessary. The Board discussed this topic in depth and

directed Mr. Nestor to review the golf cart ordinance for consistency with other Village ordinances.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing was discussed.

H. REPORTS & UPDATES

1. Event Planning Report

TIME STAMP 52:00

Easter Egg Hunt

Mr. Huneycutt reminded the Board that the Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 12 at Marvin Efird Park and will feature egg hunts for different age groups, as well as a petting zoo and a fun bus.

Marvin Day

He then reminded everyone that Marvin Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 4-9pm at Marvin Efird Park. He reviewed assigned duties for volunteers and discussed the schedule of events for the day.

5K & Fun Run

Mr. Huneycutt noted that the annual 5K and Fun Run will be held on Saturday, May 31 at 9am at Marvin Elementary. He noted that few volunteers are needed for this event, as the Village contracts with Uwharrie Dash to organize the run.

Marvin's Day Camp at Cane Creek Park

Mr. Huneycutt then informed the Board that he is working with Union County Parks and Recreation to organize 6-8 events at Cane Creek Park for children. He noted that the events will feature paddleboarding, archery, hiking, and more. He further noted registration will be required for the events, as space will be limited.

Scavenger Hunt?

He then informed the Board that he is in the early planning stages for a scavenger hunt to be held in May or June on the Village Trails. He noted that the hunt will feature a prize giveaway.

Habitat Builders Events

Vice-Chair Culp briefly spoke on the scavenger hunt hosted by Habitat Builders and the NC Wildlife Federation. She noted that the event went well, with 25 people attending, including 12 children. She then noted that Habitat Builders has upcoming events for invasive plant removal. She also noted that Habitat Builders will host a Moth Night in Waxhaw in June.

2. Trails & Greenways Report

TIME STAMP 1:12:45

No report was given. The Board briefly asked questions regarding installing trailhead signage on existing trails.

3. Public Works Report

TIME STAMP 1:15:15

Marvin Efird Park Updates

Mr. Broom spoke on multiple maintenance projects at Marvin Efird Park, including invasive plant removal, the installation of a brace to stabilize a unique oak tree limb, and the installation of a flower garden arbor to highlight the entrance of the Marvin Efird Park Pollinator Garden. He then noted that an ADA accessible concrete path at Marvin Efird Park is currently being installed from the front parking lot to the barn/playground area.

Marvin Loop Resurfacing

He then informed the Board that the resurfacing of the Marvin Loop will begin on Monday, April 7 and will take a few weeks to complete. He noted that various sections of the trail will be closed temporarily.

Upcoming Projects

Mr. Broom noted that Public Works will be preparing for the Village's upcoming events, as well as preparing the planting beds at Village Hall and the roundabouts for the coming season.

4. Village Council Report

TIME STAMP 1:24:40

Streetlights

Councilman Baresich explained that Planning Board has inquired about installing additional streetlights along Marvin Road near the intersection with Joe Kerr Road to address safety concerns. The Board expressed concerns about adding additional lighting, noting increased light pollution.

Blue Light Emergency Systems

Councilman Baresich inquired with the PR&G Board about their interest in installing Blue Light Emergency Systems along trails. The Board agreed that further research into these systems was necessary.

I. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- Mr. Yow will present the PR&G Board's survey recommendations to the Council.
- Councilman Baresich will draft an inscription for a memorial plaque for former Mayor Mike Cognac.
- PR&G Board Members will research memorial options of former Mayor Mike Cognac (plaques, benches, trees, etc.).
- Mr. Nestor will review the Village's Golf Cart Ordinance for inconsistencies.

J. REVIEW OF ONGOING ACTION ITEM LIST

The Board reviewed the Ongoing Action Item List and made revisions.

K. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jen Castellucci

To adjourn the meeting at 10:41am.

Vote: Motion Passed Unanimously

Christina Traub
PR&G Board Chair

Austin W. Yow
Village Clerk & Assistant to the Manager