

**PRC Advisory Board  
Members**

Kent Curran (27) – 2  
Sharon Correll (25) - 1  
Janelle Harris (26)  
Kathy Lewis (25) - 2  
S. Magic Cypress-McNairy (25) - 1  
Arun Nair (27) - 1  
Patty Reich (27)  
Ash Munro (Chair) (26) - 1  
Frank Freeman (Vice-Chair) (26) - 2



**MEETING MINUTES**

Huntersville Parks and Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Huntersville Town Center  
105 Gilead Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Town Staff**  
Michael Jaycocks  
Tramaine Mills

**Town Mayor**  
Christy Clark

**Members Present:** Sharon Correll, Kent Curran, Ash Munro, Patty Reich, Frank Freeman, Kathy Lewis, Magic McNairy, Janelle Harris, Arun Nair.

**Absent:** none.

**Guests:** Ben Benshoof – HPRD Athletic Superintendent, Christ the King Catholic High School representatives: Dr. Carl Semmler, Emmett Sapp, Jim Lilley, and Coach Nick Johnson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Ash Munro, Chair, at 6:30 p.m.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Ash confirmed that a quorum of commissioners was present at the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Kathy moved to approve the minutes for the September meeting; Patty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES – The Chair requested to move agenda item 8a to 6a and 6a to 6b. Ash moved a motion to approve the agenda changes; Kent seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

**Barry Disc Golf Course** – The course is officially open.

**North Mecklenburg Park Greenway** - Is scheduled to open in January.

**Placer AI Report – Holbrook Park & North Mecklenburg Park Splash Pad** - Data indicates that visitor traffic at Holbrook Park has increased since the opening of the pickleball courts and the greenway. Similarly, North Mecklenburg Park has seen an uptick in visitors following the splash pad. Placer AI provides up to seven years of historical data, allowing for comparative analysis over time.

**Sports Tourism** – Since 2005, the Town Board has aimed to make Huntersville an amateur sports destination. Data from Bradford Park and Barry Park reflect continued progress toward that goal. Placer AI data also indicates that visitors are staying overnight and supporting local businesses during tournaments held at town parks.

Bradford Park: 23,980 visitors traveled from more than 100 miles away, representing an estimated 5,997 hotel room nights.

Barry Park: 45,320 visitors traveled from more than 100 miles away, representing an estimated 11,330 hotel room nights.

**Winter Wonderland on the Downtown Greenway** – From November through February, the Downtown Greenway - from the trailhead to Sherwood Drive (approximately ¼ of a mile) - will be transformed into a Winter Wonderland with decorative lights.

**Employee Anniversary** – Ginger Hersom is celebrating her seventh year with the Town and her third year with the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Land Acquisition** – The Town is proceeding with the purchase of four (4) acres near the Ramah Church Park property. This acquisition will support future park expansion and greenway development.

#### VI. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER REPORTS

**Kent** – Thanked the Parks and Recreation team for completing the disc golf course at Barry Park. He noted that the course is more challenging than a beginner course and that the signage helps players navigate between baskets. However, some players had difficulty locating the course entrance from the parking lot. He also suggested installing a practice basket at the start of the course for warm-ups. Overall, he expressed that he is very pleased with the course and finds it to be a great addition.

**Arun** – Commented that the Diwali Festival went very well and that he had an enjoyable time, as it coincided with his birthday. He remarked that “we did it right.” Placer AI reported an attendance of approximately nine hundred (900) people.

#### VII. PROGRAMMING REPORT

##### **Recreation & Events:**

- **LalaCaboosa** – Country Music Night – October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.
- **Adult Classes** – October 17<sup>th</sup>: Reversible Scarecrow/Snowman wood leaner and November 14<sup>th</sup>: Soap Making.
- **Xtreme Teen Outings** – Scarrigan Farms & Campout on Oct. 18-19 & LKN Paintball & Camping on Nov. 15-16.
- **Halloween In Huntersville** – October 26<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm @ Huntersville Athletic Park
- **Miles & Smiles Walking Club** – October 28<sup>th</sup> – LKN State Park Hike
- **Adult Trip** – November 8<sup>th</sup> – Explore Old Salem – Winston-Salem
- **Veterans Day Parade** – November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am-12pm
- **Fly Fishing** – November 10<sup>th</sup> – Email Weston

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS, REQUESTS OR PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Christ the King Catholic High School Joint Use Agreement** – Dr. Carl Semmler, President – Christ the King Catholic High School presented a proposed joint use agreement with

the Town for shared use of Bradford Park Field 5. The partnership aligns with both parties' mission to create safe, healthy spaces for youth recreation. The agreement outlines that Christ the King (CTK) will fund adding synthetic turf to the infield. There is interest in adding bleachers on both sides and new scoreboards – by 2027. The synthetic turf funding will be provided through 10 (ten) annual payments totaling approximately \$450,000.00. The field will be used by CTK for baseball practices and home games, typically from 3:00-5:30 p.m. weekdays, with several evening games in the spring.

CTK softball will rent fields at the standard rate. Banners recognizing sponsors and donors will be permitted on the outfield fence during the season, consistent with Town Signage Policies.

Maintenance responsibilities: Huntersville Parks & Recreation will handle normal wear-and-tear maintenance, including the pitcher's mound, batter's box, and receptacle pickup.

This agreement will be modeled after the Lake Norman Charter School partnership. After ten years, the agreement will be reviewed and may be renewed depending on its success.

Leslie, the Davidson Parks & Recreation Director, confirmed that she supports this idea of the Joint Use Agreement. The synthetic turf design will reduce field preparation needs and will not impact other seasonal uses. The scoreboard cost is estimated at \$25,000-\$30,000.00.

The next step is for the Town Attorney to draft the formal agreement, which is expected to be reviewed at the next meeting. The Parks and Recreation Advisory board expressed overall support for moving forward.

**b. Ben Benshoof – Athletic Superintendent**

Ben reported that the fall sports season is wrapping up successfully with no rainouts. Fall and spring remain the busiest seasons, with current programs including youth volleyball, basketball, adult softball, and senior softball (50+, 65+, and 70+ leagues). Competitive programs were scaled back to focus on beginner and intermediate levels to better prepare players for future club participation.

Winter clinics and Mini Athletes programs will continue in-house, with HYAA (Huntersville Youth Athletic Association) offering winter basketball while the department focuses on volleyball and pickleball. The Charter Elementary Gym will be utilized six days a week in the 2026 season. Efforts continue to reduce waitlists and plan for future expansion of the Recreation Center.

Huntersville Cares Update – Applications are currently being accepted. A donation wish list will be released on November 1, and a Fun Day event is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Police Department. The program has supported 50-75 families annually over the past three years.

Looking ahead, a Pickleball Summer Camp for ages 6-12 is planned for next year, aligning with other sports camp offerings.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on First Responders Park Plaza

Michael met with the Police Chief and Fire Chief to discuss design preferences. They favored a marble and stone-etched monument. A quote was received for \$18,000.00 for a 10-foot-long structure. Flags will be placed behind the monument, and there will be space to add four to five additional line-of-duty death honorees.

Regarding other recommendations for recognition, individuals will have the option to purchase a brick, bench or tree for dedication.

A design suggestion was made to include the Town of Huntersville “H” logo at the top, with the Fire and Police emblems on each side, removing the Medic logo. The text size will also be increased for better visibility.

X. NEW BUSINESS

a. Christ the King Catholic High School – Joint Use Agreement – Moved to Presentations (6a).

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Town Center, 105 Gilead Road at 6:30 p.m.