

TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
September 5, 2024**

The Mount Gilead Parks and Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Mount Gilead Library, 119 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina. Present were members Jennifer Haywood, Tara Clark, Town Manager Dylan Haman, and Allena Ingram. Absent were Taryn Gross and Rick Moore.

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Haywood called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jennifer Haywood made a motion to adopt the agenda with a second from Tara Clark. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

No minutes were approval at this meeting.

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Program Wrap up

Jennifer Haywood express that the Park Program went really well and would like to see it grow. She would also like to see adults hire for the Park Program itself just for the simple reason for planning; she has two ladies who wants to help next year. Dylan Haman asked Jennifer when the best time would be to reach out to the teachers and school. Jennifer suggested to send out advertising sometime in May. Dylan suggested to reach out to Norwood and the Eastern parts of Stanley County to get more kids for the Park Program.

B. Fall Festival Update

Dylan Haman gave the board an update on the Fall Festival by saying the shirts have come in and they are \$15 dollars for one. The colors for them are black, grey, army green and a long sleeve navy blue one. Right now, we have about 35 to 40 vendors and applications are due by September 30. The stage is moving to be facing the stop light and having the fire department open and there are three bands coming this year. Jennifer Haywood will be running the cornhole tournament and for the tournament we will be accepting up to 16 teams. Tara Clark suggested that we get lunch for the firefighters and employees and that she can help with anything that need helping. Allena Ingram showed the board the map of the Fall Festival to let everybody get an idea or where everything will be at. Dylan Haman told the board there will be a mechanic bull and the price will be \$5 dollars per ride. Jennifer Haywood suggested for the hayride that we have a pumpkin patch step up at the park and have the kids pick out a small pumpkin for them to paint. She also suggested for future reference for the Fall Festival a paint room.

C. Park Drainage/Update

Dylan Haman started this topic off saying we have a grant that we receive for 1.8 million dollars for restoring the concrete in the middle of the park. We will be replacing it with more of a natural native environment and one of the things we wanted to include with that was a bunch of signs of what different types of plants are, what they do in the environment, identifying them and how they help the environment. This would be like a nature walk of what's in the stream bank.

Dylan explained that the other thing that we are trying to argue with DEQ the Department of Environment Quality is that the playground exist should be turn into a place attention flooding meaning when it floods it will flood there. He wanted to get feedback on that idea. They are almost done with the design and should be done next year. Dylan asked them to wait until after the Park Program is over to start construction around next year. Tara Clark asked about disco golf and if anybody played it. Dylan replies to her that it would have to be something that we budget for.

ITEM V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Jennifer Haywood made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Tara Clark. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Jennifer Haywood, President

Allena Ingram, Secretary