



**Town of Atherton
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes
February 1st, 2023
Regular Meeting
Park & Rec
6:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

1. ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

Committee Members: Noah Eisner, Alex Keh (Chair), Patricia Kubal, Frank Merrill, Julianna Robertson, Walt Robinson (Vice Chair), Bob Roeser (late)
Councilmember Liaisons: Rick DeGolia
Staff: Sally Bentz-Dalton

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Approved amended January minutes- Merrill 1st and Robinson 2nd 6-0

4. PRESENTATIONS –

4a. Esmeralda spoke from Brightview Landscape Company. She gave an update.

5. REGULAR AGENDA-

5a. Pickleball Ad-Hoc Committee to go over Pickleball survey to be sent out

Noah Eisner went over the survey. He said they would like to give it 3 weeks for answers. It would be sent to the Town and the Town will send out. Robinson asked about the trial period change. Eisner said it would be for 8 weeks and then depending on how it is going it could be extended. Eisner said it would likely start in May or June. Kubal asked about an approval for the budget for the pickleball trial. Keh said we will provide the Town the recommendation and the Town will pay for the trial or find money to conduct the trial. Kubal also brought up that damage to courts could happen so would like to look at that. Robertson that we are reliant on the Town's approval for the timing of the survey going on. Eisner said at the time of the Committee discussing the results they can discuss broader issues then. Robinson suggested adding to the survey a sentence to add tennis. Courts require a paid key. Eisner would like to hold off on discussing payment for the trial until there is data. Robinson would like the residents to know that the courts are paid. Kubal suggested. One or two lines explaining the current situation of how many courts are open to the key holders. And are paid. Staff said there are around 100 key holders. Staff said she will circulate the survey once it is updated. Roeser suggested considering circulating the survey to the clients of Player Capital Tennis. Staff said it would be hard to contact the clients. Eisner suggesting adding a question of are you a Player Capital client, so that data is clearer. Eisner said the survey does say that it is a temporary trial. Robertson said that the survey may come back with little interest or not very many responses and then we will

have to regroup.

5b. Overview of new Committee rule

Staff and Rick DeGolia went over new Committee rules which goes into effect March 1st, 2023.

5c. Discussion on wood benches and utilizing trees after removal

Kenneth Frederick, a resident came to speak on his ideas for the 100th Town Celebration. He suggested an option of donating benches and tables to Town from downed trees. He would like the Committee to discuss and come up with standard benches/tables. He also brought up the landscaper workshop that the EPC is putting on for electric blowers.

5d. Updates on the prioritized park projects and goals

Staff said there was no update on the Circulation plan. No other updates.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS- None**

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

7a. Foundation report:

Robinson said the Foundation gave staff the recommendation for enhanced soil samples, better drainage and more plants so they are less spaced out and it looks more filled in. Staff will be meeting with BrightView to get an updated proposal based on the Foundation's feedback.

7b. Park goings on reports and Q&A: **Staff opened item to the Committee for questions and discussion.**

7c. Park Events Report: **Staff opened item to the Committee for questions.**

7d. Individual Committee Member Comments:

Robinson asked about trees being made into benches or tables. Staff will add as an agenda item to next meeting.

8. SET/CONFIRM NEXT MEETING AND TOPICS

March 1st, 2023, Hybrid

Tennis update

9. ADJOURN

Next meeting is scheduled for: March 1st 6:30 PM Hybrid

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm with a motion by Merrill and 2nd by Robinson by –7-0.