

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department
Advisory Board

10/29/15 Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m.
- Members present: Adam Crocker, Dene Moon, Ken Byrd, Dr. Rev. Kelly, and Tim Todd (via FaceTime).
- Members absent: Betsy Mofield, Mona Kahl, Charlie Needham, and Billy Hartness.
- The previous meeting's minutes were approved.
- Adam gave an update on the Aberdeen Lake Park/Parks and Recreation Department sign. The base of the sign is in place, and the stonework is currently underway. The programs to be promoted on the first panels have also been chosen. While the process has been slow, the sign should soon be finished.
- Adam updated the board on the Colonial Heights ballfield project. Right after the conclusion of the fall T-Ball league, the outfields were aerated. This will help with compaction, promote grass growth, and help with weed control. The infields have also been renovated. Land Concepts added clay, removed the lip on the edge of the infield, added borders behind the backstops, and laser graded the infield. This will make a vast improvement in the playability and safety of the fields.
- Adam updated the board on the new playground equipment being installed at Sharpe Park. Public Works helped to remove the old equipment, and the new equipment is in the process of being installed. A new swing set is being installed, as well as a climbing apparatus. The equipment will bring a bright, new, unique experience for the children of Aberdeen. Proper fall zones are also being installed, with ADA compliant playground mulch, for proper safety.
- Adam gave an update on Ray's Mill Park. Staff is in the process of re-establishing grass in the park, using transplanted centipede and seeds. Staff has also planted rye for the winter season. Adam met with Foster Lake and Pond to discuss the islands that have formed in the pond. The islands are a result of sediment catching on the water lilly tubars. Foster Lake and Pond is developing a plan to remove the islands, then aggressively treat the water lilies throughout the year, to prevent island forming in the future.
- The Beautification Committee has selected an Emily Brunner Holly tree to plant at Aberdeen Lake Park, and decorate for the holidays. The tree could be in as early as the first week of November.
- Adam updated the board on the status of ongoing, new, and future programs, special events, and athletics. Adam informed the board that the new program coordinator, Kayla Hillman, has started, and will be working on expanding programming and events. Kayla is an exciting addition to the department, as she will be a wonderful attitude, personality, energy, and creativity to the programming side of the department.
- In other business, Adam and Dr. Rev. Kelly agreed to meet regarding the Scottish Heritage Foundation forming an office at the Malcolm Blue Farm. Adam and Dene

discussed getting together, with Kayla, to plan for this year's Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration at the Malcolm Blue Farm

- The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2016 at the Recreation Center, at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.