



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**November 15, 2023**  
**Legacy Park**  
**8:00am**

**Members Present:** Terria Cummings, Joel Furfari, Deanna Jue, Greg White, Shelly Head

**Members Absent:** Peter Duitsman, Adam Pinsley, Abbey Griffith, Jack Kittle

**Call to order: 8:10 a.m.**

- **Approval Meeting Minutes:** No quorum to vote, will postpone to next meeting.
- **Introductions**
  - None
- **Public Comments**
  - None
- **Decatur Parks and Recreation Department Updates/Projects/Jack Kittle Award**
  - Georgia Recreation and Park Association Volunteer Award
    - Jack honored for award on 11/8 in Athens. **Congratulations Jack, well deserved!**
  - McCoy Skate Park
    - Targeted to kick off week last week in November 2023
  - COD Fee Increase
    - Collaboration has started with consulting group; team working to gather data
    - Bring in DPR Advisory Board for proposal review and discussion
  - Recreation Center Updates
    - Previously daytime rented office spaces are available for renting
      - Shelly suggested reaching out to neighboring HOA groups
    - New full-time staff has been hired for athletics
      - Position for operations is currently open
    - Building and gym usage is picking up for basketball season
  - Upcoming Retirements
    - Retirement recognitions in December
      - Linda Harris
      - Lee William



- **Unhoused Working Group Meeting Recap**
  - Meeting held 11/14 at Legacy Park to discuss how to handle and work together to approach unhoused in Decatur during the freezing temperatures
  - 45 ppl in attendance; neighboring representatives in attendance for collaboration strategies
  - COD baseball team provided 500 sandwiches to unhoused – great idea for youth groups to give back (volunteer hours)
  - Shelly proposed volunteering for MLK weekend
    - Suggested some type of community representation by the DPRAV with shirts or tags
- **SRTS**
  - COD crossing guards honored last week with luncheon prepared by DHS Culinary School
  - Crossing guards have ramped up to ensure safety
- **PEDS Committee**
  - Kara's position is now open
- **Other Business**
  - Joel suggested an entry way to north side of Legacy park off Katie Kerr Dr. (near pond) be added to cohesively connect entrance from that location as it is not an optimal path
    - Greg provided suggested contact
- **Next Meeting:** December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Legacy Park
  - Group picture
  - DPRD Board Breakfast
- **Upcoming Dates:**
  - **November 17:**
    - City of Decatur Thanksgiving Luncheon
    - Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon (Oakhurst Recreational Center)
  - **November 23-26:**
    - City of Decatur Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
  - **November 29-30:**
    - City Management Retreat
  - **December 1:**
    - Child Friendly Cities Initiative Launch (Decatur Square at 6pm)
    - Linda Harris Retirement – TBD (12 noon)
  - **December 5:**
    - DPRD Board Breakfast
  - **December 7:**
    - Lee Williams Retirement – DRC (11:30a to 1:30p)

**Meeting Adjourned 8:57a.m**