

Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department  
Advisory Board

1/31/19 Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- Members present: Adam Crocker, Fallon Brewington, Josh Wilhelm, Jennifer Bowles, Amberly Weber, Adriana Janker, Bethania Robinson, Shekeeta McCrimmon,
- Members absent: Dene Moon
- The previous meeting's minutes were distributed.
- Adam welcomed everyone, introduced himself to the 6 new board members, and touched on the role of the board. Each member then introduced themselves to the board.
- As there were so many new members, Adam went through a PowerPoint presentation on the department, its facilities and programs.
- Adam updated some park projects. The second phase of the dam project has begun, and the onsite work should hopefully begin soon. This portion will be the installation of the new sluice gate on the dam and should hopefully be completed by early spring. The final phase will be cosmetic work on the concrete portion of the spillway. A couple of projects have been completed at the Malcolm Blue Farm, with a few more to come. Installation of several 110 outlets and a 220 outlet has been completed at the museum. These outlets have been installed on the side of the museum, supplying power options to the stage which has also been recently completed. Projects that are still to come at the farm are reinforcing the foundation on the back half of the farm house, and replacing the sides and back roof of the farm house. Neal Smith Engineering has also finished their inspection of the grist mill and presented staff with their report.
- Adam updated winter programming as well. The Youth Basketball League is currently running, with a couple of more weekends to go. This league has 218 participants this season, compared to 189 last year. The Youth Cheerleading program is running concurrently, and this program has 43 participants this season, compared to 34 last year.
- In other discussion, Amberly asked for further clarification on the role of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Adam explained that the board serves as an intermediary between the department and the community. He also mentioned that he will be working with the town commissioners and manager to try to come up with more actionable items for the advisory board members, so they can be more actively involved. Amberly also asked if the town had intentions of taking over the Aberdeen Elementary School property when the school moved to its new location. Adam explained that the town does indeed have interest in the property and the town commissioners have had discussions with the school system. Amberly asked which facilities the town would be interested in, and Adam mentioned that the gym would be very helpful moving forward, even in addition to the gymnasium at the new school as programs continue to expand. Adam also mentioned that the town has interest in the

auditorium and the field space behind the school. Adam explained that field space would give the town the only rectangular field space it would have for programming. Adriana asked about the property in Aberdeen Lake Park on Lakeshore Drive, on the left side as you leave the park. She wondered if it is park property and if it flooded. Adam confirmed that it is park property, and while all the Aberdeen Lake Park property is prone to being damp, it does not typically flood. Adriana mentioned this as a possible community garden space. Adam agreed this could be a good use for the space, but would want to have the ground inspected first, to make sure it would be a suitable area to program and have citizens utilize. Fallon mentioned the garden space at the Aberdeen Elementary School, and that if the town ended up with that property, it could be used for community garden space. Adriana agreed that would be a great spot and use.

- The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Recreation Center, at 6:00 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.