



Dear Lapel Parks Board Members,

My name is Chris Rushton. My wife, Janelle, and I have been married for 12 years and have called Lapel home for a little over three years. We have two children, Crosby and Collins, who attend Lapel Elementary, and a happy, energetic Australian Shepherd. Janelle and I both work from home, so Lapel is where we spend our days as well as raise our family.

We chose Lapel because of its schools and the strong recommendation of a good friend whose children attend LES. That friend even encouraged his in-laws to move here. We saw a lot of potential in Lapel when we arrived, and we plan to stay for a long time!

Our children are a big part of why I'm interested in serving on the Parks Board. They love a good playground, and my wife and I love being outdoors too. We enjoy taking our dog(s) for walks and spending time in scenic places. We often find ourselves driving to parks and playgrounds outside of Lapel, and those trips sometimes turn into a meal or errands in another town. It has made me think about what welcoming parks, walking paths, and places to sit could mean for families here.



Parks are one part of what makes a town feel like home. They give people a place to gather, enjoy the outdoors, and make good memories together. Well-cared-for parks and walking areas can also show visitors what makes Lapel special and encourage them to spend time in town. I'd like to help Lapel become an even better place for families to live, for neighbors to connect, and for local businesses to grow.

I've worked in marketing for 14 years, and I currently manage digital advertising for an agency. I would be glad to bring my experience, ideas, and perspective as a parent and resident to the board. Most of all, I'm willing to pitch in wherever I can help.

I care about this town and the future we're building here. If there's an opportunity to help Lapel thrive, I'd be grateful to be part of it.

Sincerely,  
Chris Rushton

