

Chatham County Recreation Advisory Committee

September 17, 2014

Minutes

**Meeting was called to order.**

Megan Bolejack approved the minutes. Danny Spivey seconded the minutes.

**Nature park suggestion**

Megan Bolejack had a request from Gretchen Smith to bring before the committee a suggestion to consider a nature park on Jack Bennett Road. She discussed the suggestion at the Chatham Parks Foundation meeting as well. She proposes that the park would provide cultural, recreation education, and an amphitheater. The committee asked for Gretchen to research it more and bring the information brought back to the committee.

**Capital Improvement Plan discussion**

The committee discussed long term Capital Improvement plans. The discussion was to think about different options for recreation facilities. The different options mentioned were to look at free standing buildings, entertain joint use with the schools, and collaborate with the private and public sector.

It was stated that Siler City is applying for a community block grant for a capital project.

**New recreation agency grant application process**

The committee decided that some revisions needed to be made to the application. The committee will go over the application at the next meeting. The committee was concerned that many community recreation groups didn't apply. They suggested that another agency or foundation help them with their grant application.