

CHATHAM COUNTY REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

		Date	November 19, 2014
Meeting Title	Monthly Meeting	Time	7:00 pm
Location	Chatham County Recreation Department	Secretary	Ann Alston
Called to Order	Megan Bolejack		
Adjourned	Megan Bolejack		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Mounce made motion to approve the minutes and George Pauly second.
2.	Chatham County Parks Foundation Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Lein former member of the Recreation. Advisory Committee gave some background information regarding the foundation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The foundation is looking to expand horizons. The foundation is looking for things that have not already done. ○ Balance in bank is in excess of \$100,000 ○ The foundation is currently involved with several activities while staying within the constraints of the government. ○ Younger blood is needed to get some different ideas.

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	Presentation of proposal of Nature Trail-Mrs. Gretchen Smith from Chatham Conservation Partnership (CCP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Smith gave the definition of a nature trail as being a natural setting, no athletic fields, and economic development benefits. • Natural Trail have several benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connecting with nature-walking, kids being outside and stress relief ○ Place nearby with Nature Trails ○ Rock Ridge, Kiwanis Park, Community House in Pittsboro, Raleigh Wilkerson Nature and Historic Yale Mill to name a few. ○ Things that a natural trail has in common are-trails and educational programs. ○ The propose Nature Park have hiking, biking, climbing, geo-coaching, amphitheater, outdoor classrooms, demonstration workshops. Nature Play that will help explore daydreaming. In addition maybe a gift shop[, education and Exhibit Center ○ The group has indentified a possible site, which the land originally purchased for high school. ○ This land has 94 acres of natural ○ Near Natural Heritage area ○ Proximity to school and neighborhood ○ Challenges with other development users ○ Bio-diversity ○ Cost Sharing could include-CCCC, grants, registration fees, Partner with the Board of Education, Chatham Visitor Bureau, lease of office space. ○ Potential grant funding from Active Chatham Grants ○ Start-up cost-\$65,000
	Comments from the advisory committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County owns the land for the high school • Any consideration for the land • Property value is around 1.3 million (tax

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		value) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber rights-Who owns the rights? • The county may sell • Who do we need to contact to determine the status of the land • What is the long term impact on Parks and Recreation ability to gain additional property • We have some land in land bank • Some things may be suited in North East park • Suggestion to look at projected revenue stream • Is there a partnership to promote initiative • Kudos given to Mrs. Smith on the great presentation.
	Apply for PARTF for Enhancement to Park at Briar Chapel and additional items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy gave update that deadline to reapply for NC PARTF is February. Tracy presented that the PARTF funds will construct the following: a walking trail, sidewalk trail, elevated boardwalk, playground, picnic shelter, lighting, and baseball field dugouts. • This is the third time applying • Consultant is in NC. • Even though we can apply for the full amount, we may have a better chance to get less. We may ask for \$250, 000 • Motion to apply for PARTF for the Park at Briar Chapel. George made motion and Tim second. • Letters of support from others in Chatham County may help.

No.	ACTION ITEMS	Member Name	Target Date
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1.	Have conversation with staff and county concerning Expansion projects	Tracy	
2.	George to contact someone to come in to discuss native plant policy.	George	
3	Send out copies of grant application (may can do over email if deadline is early)	Tracy	
4	Meeting with Spout Community Center about programs for their new Recreation Department	Tracy	
5	Send email addresses to send letter of support	Tim	

Decisions made:

No decisions made because there was not a quorum in attendance.

Participants:

#	Name	√
1	Ann Alston	√
2	Megan Bolejack	√
3	Adam Feher	A
4	James Fogleman	A
5	Josh Lindgren	A
6	Megan Lynch	√
7	Chad Morgan	A
8	Timothy Mounce	√
9	George Pauly	√
10	Danny Street	√
11	Tracy Burnett	√
12	T Jones, Don Lein and Gretchen Smith and Mr. Smith (Guest)	
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√ = In Attendance

A = Not in Attendance