

CHATHAM COUNTY REC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

		Date	January 13, 2015
Meeting Title	Monthly Meeting	Time	7:00 pm
Location	Chatham County Recreation Department	Secretary	Ann Alston*
Called to Order	Josh Lindgren		
Adjourned	Josh Lindgren		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Minutes	Megan Bolejack made motion made to approve the minutes and George Pauly second.
2.	Introduction of Guest Speaker	George Pauly – Farrell Moose-Presentation on Native Plants
3	Introduction of new member of committee	Tracy introduced Tammy Phillips
	Presentation-Native Plants	<p>Mr. Ferrell stated that he works with native plants. He is a native plant advocate and is in favor of recommending that those only native plants will be used in Chatham County Parks.</p> <p>Native plants would require working with a new designer. In doing so, it would be a good idea to start a seed bank.</p> <p>Benefit for Native Plants in Chatham County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not cause a disaster down the road • Saves money after about a year-cost disappears • Little or no fertilizer required • Maintain without irrigation • Less fertilizer –There is danger with native plans and chemicals • Less management • Protect the soil

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		<p>Cons for Native Plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture shock • Retraining of staff in maintaining of native plants • Lots of money in maintaining Turks • Plants will resemble sticks during the winter <p><u>Comments from the group:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there was a policy that currently exist. • There may be an existing policy that addresses native plants. • Loggers are changing the landscape with the cutting of the trees • We could have a stronger case if we involve other agencies • There is a partnership that exit with Cooperative Ag. Extension • Adopt policy that a percent of plants will have to be native • Maybe start with using native plants in parks first. • Lowes currently have native plants in their store • Partner with another agency-i.e. Board of Education • Chatham Central has a group of students that could possible assist with the landscaping <p><u>Recommendations from the group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicate the committee intent on native plants • Request information for native plant from county • Check on policy surrounding landscape • Check with Planning board about policy <p><u>Additional Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry Services • Chatham Central-South West Park <p>A motion was made that the committee supports the use of native plants by George P and Megan B second</p>

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4	Letter of Support PARTF	<p>Josh L read the letter that was drafted for applying for the grant (Briar Chapel) The committee members were all in agreement.</p>
5	Recreation application and scoring sheet	<p>Tracy went over the timeframes Agencies will come in on July 15, 2015 to present to the group</p> <p><u>Comments about scoring sheet</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question number 7 may not needed • Question if scholarships should be allowed • Group voted to allow scholarship-James made motion and George second • Matching funds • Does the application ask about the need of funds <p><u>Recommendations from the group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring sheet match application • Okay to move forward with application
6	Mid Year Report	Tracy stated the report state where the agencies are at
7	Additional items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be some new committee members • Bids are going out for work being done at Briar Park • It was approved that Wood Charter and Chatham Soccer League to use the park while under construction. • Recreation staff will over see • Completion date in August/September

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No.	ACTION ITEMS	Member Name	Target Date
1.	Recommendation to County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicate the committee support the use of native plants Request information for native plant from county Check on policy surrounding landscape Check with Planning board about policy 	Tracy	N/A
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Decisions made:

Participants:

#	Name	√
1	Ann Alston	√
2	Megan Bolejack	√
3	James Fogleman	√
4	Josh Lindgren	√
5	Megan Lynch	√
6	Timothy Mounce	A
7	George Pauly	√
8	Danny Street	√
9	Tracy Burnett	√
10	Tammy Phillips	√
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√ = In Attendance

A = Not in Attendance