

Recreation Advisory Committee
November 16, 2016 Minutes

Attending: Howard Surface, George Pauly, Andrew George, Tammy Phillips, Josh Lindgren, Lisa Baaske

Cara Coppola with the planning department presented a Comprehensive Plan update. She explained that the plan is a 20-30 year projected plan and the goal is to have an attainable amount of short term and long term goals for the County as well as create a land use framework plan. 3 more public meetings will be coming in January or February to gather input and the goal is have it all wrapped up in April 2017. So far a lot of outreach has been done and an initial survey with over 1600 survey responses and revealed that the highest priorities for parks and recreational facilities were conservation of natural areas, greenways and hiking trails were ranked the highest.

Lisa Baaske suggested to ask for a greenway trail in addition to the new parks and recreation master plan for the upcoming budget. It was also mentioned to reestablish the parks reserve to have funds to help build and improve parks.

May, 2017 is the application deadline for the PARTF grant--the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) is a state funded grant program for land acquisition and development of parks. The County Parks & Recreation is focusing on 3 request items for Briar Chapel Park:

- Playground
- Picnic Shelter
- A walking trail

Cost estimate work to begin with a consulting firm in January, 2017.

Howard Surface moved to approve application submittal; Andrew George 2nd; Approved.

George encourages members to visit the playground at the NC Botanical Garden to see what they have for the public.