

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

November 20, 2019

Attendees: Tracy, Ann, Tammy, Lisa, George, David, James

Lisa presided over the meeting

Minutes-motion made by George to accept and Tammy second

American Tobacco Trail maintenance agreement

- The five year maintenance agreement with town of Cary will expire on January 20, 2020.
- Yearly fee to maintain-\$30, 000
- When the 5th year is up, there is conversation to determine if Chatham can maintain with the current staff that in place.
- Background- The lease to maintain the ATT portion in Chatham went from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Park potential funding sources

Follow-up form the retreat

- The finance team presented plan to Commissioners to add article 46 to ballot for primary elections.
- There are four agencies that are involved. (Education, Parks, Affordable Housing and Agriculture Preservation)
- If approved the commissioners will determine how the money will be used.

Town of Pittsboro tennis courts

- Announcements- Paul Horn is leaving
- Tracy meet with interested party (Pickle ball Group) to have more pickleball lines added to the tennis courts.
- Not heard back from town of Pittsboro

64 canoe access and Pokeberry Creek project

- Brooks Creek Project is not being pursued in any more at this time due to construction designs issues based on NCDOT specifications.
- Canoe launch slab and staircase scheduled for December 2019.

Brooks Creek corridor study update

- Consultant review and there are 94 property owners that will be impacted.
- Letter were sent out and there were numerous concerns that were received.
- Options to look at a different realignment to study that impact less about of people are being shared with Dan at Tracy's monthly meetings

Park at Briar Chapel sidewalk

- Walking trails and sidewalk behind schedule due to weather.
- October 2020 is final date for completion
- Challenge- the initial alignment took walking trail close to creek. Everything has been staked off now by a surveyor for the buffers and sloop for grant fund.

Trail updates Southwest Park

- Installing new playground and to replace 15 year old current playground.
- New playground company located in Pittsboro won the bid in Pittsboro and will provide the playground and installation.
- Will begin improvements to existing trail pending the weather.
- Looking at expanding the existing walking trail. Contacting Health Department to determine if there any additional funds available to assist with this project.

Northeast Park master plan concept draft

- Draft masterplan distributed to the group. Some highlights: add in 3rd tennis court with pickle ball court, disc Golf course, new shelter, Splash playground community center, inclusive playground, dog Park, and basketball courts

Southeast Park in Moncure

- Consultant will have concept map to Tracy tomorrow
- Tracy will sent out for comments
- Last public meeting will be held on December 9, 2019
- The people are excited
- Parker family naming- The Parker family gave huge discount and the park will be name Parkers Ridge Park
- The Parker Family will be recognized at the December 16, 2019 (Commissioners Meeting)

Revised Recreation Grant application

- 2020 application- Shorten
- Tracy will send out hard copy

Additional updates

- First year-winter Event-lightning of the Christmas tree on the pond
- Next meeting-January 15, 2020
- March meeting—3rd Wednesday