

Recreation Advisory Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: James Fogleman, Maria Gomez Flores, Joy Hewett, Tammy Phillips, Megan Lynch, Tracy Burnett, J Stamey, Courtney Cooper-Lewter and Tracy Teague

Meagan called meeting to order, and minutes were read and approved by Tammy and Maria second.

Tracy Burnett announced that this is Maria's last meeting with Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Foundant Training/Review

- Tracy Teague did the training presentation for the grant evaluations

EDA Update

- Chatham County Parks and Recreation was awarded the EDA Grant to hire consultants for the Haw River Corridor feasibility study.
- We are in the process of doing the RFQ.

Parker's Ridge Park Update

- Tracy Burnett announced that we are working on the RFQ Phase I.

Designated Haw River Trail Resolution

- It was approved by the BOC.

Other Topics:

- EEG Grant-Brandon Dawson with the planning department is applying for EEG for a Chatham County Conservation Implementation Plan.
- Meagan asked about the new soccer complex to be built at Northwood High School by Chatham Park. Tracy Burnett and J Stamey told the group that they were not involved in the plans or discussion about this new facility soccer complex. Tracy Burnett will do more investigation on this and will get back with the committee.
- There were some discussion and concerns about the proposed Soccer Complex at Northwood High School from some of the Recreation Advisory Committee. A recommendation was made about the development at the Northwood High School: "We as a board understand the need for recreation facilities. We recommend the preservation at Northwood High School cross country trail and woods that is open to all citizens in Chatham County rather than soccer fields in a congested area because natural resources are a priority in the county. Although we recognize the need for recreational fields in the county. We prefer that the County Parks and Rec have input on where and when facilities and resources are allocated." Joy motioned and Meagan second.

Tracy Burnett announced at the June 15th meeting, we will do recommendations for Grants to Organizations and the July meeting will be scheduled for July 13th.

The Annual Recreation Advisory Committee Retreat is scheduled for October 1st, 9am to 1pm at the Chatham Grove Community Center.

Meeting adjourned Meagan motioned and James second.