

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

March 6, 2023

Attendees: Joy Hewett, Will Sparrow, James Fogleman, Keith Shea, Anne Geer, Andrew George, Kent Barlow, Megan Lynch, Tracy Burnett, J Stamey, Tracy Teague, Ben Rippe, Erin Metzger

Minutes

- Minutes-motion made by Kent Barlow and Megan Lynch second

Presentation by Erin Metzger-Park Manager

- Erin introduced herself and talked about her education and work experiences. She also went over her current projects, explained her budget process, the new maintenance program, and how she manages the park techs and their projects and daily routines. She also went over future projects.

Presentation by Ben Rippe Trails and Open Space Planner

- Ben introduced himself and talked about his education and work experiences. He went over his current projects, his pop-up events that are coming up, his meeting for Haw River Trail, new feasibility study for Haw River, Haw River Trail was introduced finally as a state trail now by the house, the 14 counties along the Haw River Trail signed a MOU to maintain their areas along the trail and to add more trails. Ben discussed the steering committees' vision.

Recreation Grant Application Key Dates

- Tracy went over key dates for Grants to Organizations. Application date opens online on April 14.
- Tracy went over the new question at the end of the application so that it might help with a tie if we have one when they are scored.
- The Advisory Committee suggested that we try to let the applicant see the scoring criteria so they will know how they will be scored.

Parker's Ridge Update

- Tracy announced we finally have a contract with a consultant and have a meeting scheduled with them. They will provide surveys to reevaluate the current facilities listed in the master plan. A public input meeting soon.
- Tracy and J. toured the property with the landscape architects to redo the Master Plan due to Vinfast.
- On 4/15/23 Parks and Recreation will be part of the Spring Around the Loop in Moncure and will be getting input from the community.
- Tracy announced we will send out surveys to get input on amenities for the park.
- Tracy and J will be going to an input meeting at Moncure school on March 21.

Other topics

Tracy thanked everyone for their help doing the survey through NRPA when the House of Representatives were considering excluding local parks from accessing certain federal funds..

Tracy announced the next meeting will be in May.

Meeting Adjourned.