

ALAMANCE COUNTY
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21ST, 2015 MEETING
CEDAROCK PARK

Members Present (Underlined): Chairman Ryan Kirk, Vice-Chairman Kelly Ronnow, Commissioner Eddie Boswell, Mr. Mark Payne, Mr. Doug Bayliff, Mrs. Kelly May, Mr. Lee Isley, Mr. John Paisley

Recreation and Parks Staff Present: Brian Baker, Director; Catherine Gensel, Grants and Communications Coordinator

I. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 6:10 PM.

B. Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion of John Paisley and the second of Doug Bayliff, the minutes of the March 17th, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously pending correction of clerical errors.

C. Introduction of Guests and and Staff

Former Commission chairman Earl Jagers was present as a member of the public.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

No report was offered by the Chairman.

IV. REPORT OF STAFF

A. Monthly Departmental Report

Brian Baker reported on the Department's activities in March and upcoming events.

B. Personnel Report

Brian Baker reported on the hiring of John Guss as the new Parks Superintendent.

V. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Football Rule Changes

The Commission discussed the merits of changing the existing weight limits for the Alamance County youth football program to allow for the inclusion of participants above the existing weight limits in a limited capacity. After discussion and upon the motion of Kelly Ronnow and the second of Lee Isley, the Commission voted unanimously to alter the existing weight limits, allowing participants within 10 pounds of the existing weight limits to play offensive or

defensive line positions, provided that no more than two such players are on the field for each team on any play.

B. Update On Proposed ABSS Sale of Property

Brian Baker presented an update on the proposed sale of a portion of property adjacent to Pleasant Grove Community Center to Dollar General. No further action was taken.

C. Impact Alamance Grant Proposal

Brian Baker presented an update regarding the Recreation and Parks Department's application to Impact Alamance to fund the replacement of the aging play structure at Eli Whitney Recreation Center. The application was approved by the Alamance County Board of Commissioners.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of Recreation and Parks Department Branding

Catherine Gensel presented information regarding the history and current status of the Department's branding and communication efforts. A discussion was held regarding the need for an update of the existing logo and marketing materials to better inform the public of the offerings of the Department.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion of Eddie Boswell and the second of John Paisley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Baker

Results of the public meeting held on January 20, 2015 at the Haw River Ballroom in Saxapahaw, North Carolina. The goal of the meeting was for Alamance County Recreation and Parks Department to gather input from the local community on how they would like to see the land used in the future. Over 40 people attended the meeting. To gather ideas, people broke into small groups to come up with proposed uses for the space. The top 5 ideas from each group were compiled into a master list of and each attendee was given the opportunity to vote for their top three choices on the master list. Colored dots were used to show a rank in preference with green symbolizing first choice, yellow second choice, and red third choice. Note that an asterisk (*) indicates votes received after the meeting via email.

No.	Proposed Use	Green Count	Yellow Count	Red Count	Total Votes
1	Wave Park/Standing wave in river	20*	0	0	20*
2	Hiking/Walking trails	9	8	0	17
3	Native plant area	2	5	4	11
4	Functional fitness landscape/workout area	2	6	1	9
5	Removal of invasive plants	3	3	3	9
6	Limit traffic/no vehicles	2	1	8	11
7	Bridge connectors/walking bridge (over river)	3	2	2	7
8	Biking/mountain biking trails	2	2	0	4
9	Camping/platforms	2	2	0	4
10	Gathering area(s)	2	1	1	4
11	Overlook (N. side of island)	1	2	2	5
12	Canoe/Kyak access	2	1	0	3
13	Boat access	1	1	2	4
14	Picnic area	0	0	6	6
15	Historical/Interpretive signs	1	1	0	2
16	Litter control/removal	0	2	0	2
17	Fishing	0	1	1	2
18	Benches/sitting area (dotted)	0	0	3	3
19	Restroom facilities	1	0	0	1

20	Community sponshorhip	1	0	0	1
21	No dogs/designated pet area/dog area	1	0	0	1
22	Parking area	0	0	2	2
23	Establish wetland preserve	0	1	0	1
24	Art/Culture events (low impact)	0	1	0	1
25	Running trails	0	0	0	0
26	Signage (info, maps/rules, Designated/ marked trails)	0	0	0	0
27	Educational areas	0	0	0	0
28	Bird habitat	0	0	0	0
29	Play structures	0	0	0	0
30	Erosion protection	0	0	0	0
31	Preserve/Limited acess areas	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	35	40	35	110