

ALAMANCE COUNTY  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING  
ALAMANCE PARKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
3916 R. DEAN COLEMAN ROAD, BURLINGTON NC 27215

MINUTES

**Members Present** (Underlined): Chairman Lee Isley, Vice-Chair Kelly May, Commissioner Bill T. Lashley, Mr. Ryan Bowden, Ms. Ann Meletzke, Ms. Bhavna Hilligrass, Mr. David Woody, Ms. Kelly Ronnow, Mr. Mike Dunning, Ms. Lisa Wolff, Mr. Peter Dahl

**Alamance Parks Staff Present:** Brian Baker, Director; Anna Bowland, Grants & Communications Coordinator

I. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established at 12:35pm
- B. Approval of the January, 18 2022 Minutes  
Upon a motion of David Woody and the second of Billy Lashley, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

III. **REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

No report

IV. **REPORT OF STAFF**

Department Report

Director Brian Baker reported that park attendance is higher overall than in previous years. The youth basketball season is winding down and will conclude at the end of the month. The Department continues to seek applications for the Park Technician 1 position and is currently down two staff members. The Department experienced 30% total turnover in 2021 and recruiting continues to be difficult.

V. **UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS**

A. Alamance County ARPA Funds Update

Commissioner Lashley reported that the county continues to receive guidance for use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. He anticipates that more information will be available at the February 21, 2022 Alamance County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Cedarock Park Disc Golf Course Update

- B. Brian Baker presented a map showing the current layout for the new disc golf course at Cedarock Park. The plan shows the course on the right side of the entrance road when entering the park and behind the Cedarock Farm. The course does not currently have a name but branding work is in progress. Kelly Ronnow remarked that education to the public about the changes at Cedarock Park will be important.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) Grant Awarded to the Eli Whitney Community Center

Brian Baker presented an opportunity for the Department to accept SCIF funds in the amount of \$75,000 for the replacement of the floors at the Eli Whitney Community Center. After discussion, upon the motion of David Woody and the second of Peter Dahl the Commission voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of funds.

B. Alamance Parks 2022-23 Budget Proposal

Brian Baker presented the 2022-23 Alamance Parks Budget Request Summary. The requests included increasing salaries of existing employees to address turnover, two new positions (Park Technician II and Outdoor Program Specialist), a 6% increase in operating expenses to compensate for cost increases by suppliers, and equipment requests. The Commission discussed the budget summary and made suggestions. No formal action taken.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:56pm via acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Baker