

ALAMANCE COUNTY
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18TH, 2014 MEETING
CEDAROCK PARK

Members Present (Underlined): Chairman Earl Jagers, Vice- Chairman Ryan Kirk, Commissioner John Paisley, Mr. Brad Evans, Mr. Bobby Harmon, Mr. Doug Bayliff, Mrs. Kelly May, Ms. Kelly Ronnow, Mr. Lee Isley

Recreation and Parks Staff Present: Brian Baker, Director; Terry Isley, Southern Parks Superintendent; Guil Johnson, Park Technician.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 6:05 PM.
- B. Upon a motion of Lee Isley and a second of John Paisley, the minutes of the September 16th, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

II. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Chairman Jagers announced that January will be his final meeting as the Chairman of the Recreation and Parks Commission. He will be stepping down to pursue other projects.

III. REPORT OF STAFF

- A. Monthly Departmental Report – Brian Baker reported on the Department’s activities in October and November including the Ghost in the Park Program, improvements to the second pond at Cedarock Park, the first Saxapahaw Trailathlon, the status of the Haw River Trail construction project and conclusion of football playoffs.
- B. Personnel Report – Brian Baker announced the hiring of Brenda Wichmann as the Trail and Open Space Coordinator and the upcoming departure of Scott Reavis as the Fund Development Coordinator.
- C. Report on Cane Mountains Natural Area – Brian Baker presented information on the Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant that was awarded to the Department for the acquisition of property on Cane Mountain.
- D. Report on 2014-15 Capital Projects and Performance Management Goals – Brian Baker updated the Commission on the completed progress toward the capital projects and discussed the Department’s 2014-15 Performance Management goals in accordance with the Performance Management Performance Based Budgeting policy.

IV. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

- A. Public Comment on the 2015 PARTF Grant Application for the construction of and improved equestrian complex for Cedarock Park

Information and maps were presented about the planned improvements to the additional

property recently acquired adjacent to Cedarrock Park. Public comments were then taken with input from John Coleman, Rebecca Pickard and Megan Campbell. All are frequent users of the park. Each person spoke favorably about the proposed improvements and were enthusiastic about the grant proposal.

Following the public comments, a motion was made by Doug Bayliff to use the funds returned to the Department by Alamance County through the Performance Management/Performance Based Budgeting program as a match for a PARTF grant and to apply for the grant in the 2015 grant cycle. The motion was seconded by Ryan Kirk and passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of the Draft Alamance County Trail Plan

A draft of the recently completed Alamance County Trail Plan was presented to the Commission for review. The Commission determined time was needed to review the plan and indicated a desire to vote on the recommended approval of the plan at a later meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion of Ryan Kirk and the second of John Paisley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian Baker