



# Recreation and Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024 6:00 pm

Cedarock Park 3916 R. Dean Coleman Rd., Burlington

## **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Chair Ms. Lisa Wolff, Vice-Chair Mr. Peter Dahl, Mr. David Woody, Mr. Thomas Purcell,  
Ms. Sandy Ellington Graves

## **ALAMANCE PARKS STAFF PRESENT:**

Jamie Merchel, Director; Nolan Carter Haw River Trail Coordinator, Dianne Neese, Office Manager

## **PUBLIC PRESENT: NA**

### **1) COMMUNICATIONS**

a) The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm - no quorum was established

### **2) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **3) REPORT OF CHAIRMAN**

None

### **4) REPORT OF STAFF**

a) Nolan Carter Trails and Open Space Coordinator:

- Nolan gave a presentation to the board of Land Acquisition Strategies and overview of current projects. He continues to oversee the development of new trails along the river.

b) Grants and Communications Position:

- Chase Parrish the new Grants and Communication Coordinator will start on Monday 6/24

### **5) OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES**

a) Haw River Trail

- National Trail Day was June 1st
- Camp & Clean group met at Shallow Ford Natural Area June 8-9 with Nolan & Jason to clean up riverside & parks of debris with camping along the river.
- L&W Grant for Alston Quarter property acquisition – submitting final application

b) Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area Development

- Tower construction is underway, footing completed
- Cane Creek Phase 3- seeking permits

c) Cedarock Park Playground

- Cedarock Park Inclusive Playground now open. Ribbon Cutting was on May 31<sup>st</sup>, along with the first of the Musical Chairs Series.

d) BE Jordan Ballfield Renovation

- New Ballfield lights are installed
- Jamie reported some changes made to the final drawings for concession adding more windows
- Getting bids for site work including plumbing and electrical
- Jamie will meet with the school to discuss some concerns that the walking track may be too close to the school and public use of the playground

e) Great Alamance Creek

- The Village of Alamance Paddle Access is on hold. Nolan is working with Duke Energy

f) Programing/Athletics

- Sports Camps are underway. The camps will run June – July at Pleasant Grove and Eli Whitney Community Centers.
- Family Night Kickball was held at Pleasant Grove Community center on June 14<sup>th</sup> and an upcoming Family Night Pickleball will be held in July
- Special Olympics Summer Games were held May 31 – June 2
- Textile Heritage Museum Lecture Series started in June
- World War II Living History Program – Over There & On the Homefront was held at Cedarock Park June 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup>
- Equestrian – We have an interested vendor who would like to partner with Alamance Parks to offer weekend trails rides to the public at an affordable price. With the completion of the Proposal, rides should start in the fall.
- Balloon Festival- There will be a meeting to discuss if the fee should be waived

**6) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Congratulations to Lisa, Peter and Kelly for their reappointment to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission for 2024-2025
- b) Sandy Ellington-Graves stepped in to represent ABSS replacing Dan Ingle on the Board.
- c) Park and Recreations Month Proclamation will be presented at County Commissioners Meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>
- d) Alamance County Manager Heidi York reported the County Commissioners Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 on June 17
- e) Parks Budget- no additional funds
- f) Operating Budget- no new positions, vehicles or equipment.
- g) Utilities will increase in 2024-2025
- h) Parks and Recreation was the recipient of the NC Dept. of Labor Safety Gold Award
- i) Cedarock Park acquired a new Mule, her name is Kate

**7) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Delay discussion/voting until July Meeting:
  - Approval of minutes for May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting
  - Election of Officials (chair & Vice Chair) for 2024-2025
  - Discussion of changing 2024-2025 meeting times

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

Lisa Wolff adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm Glencoe Textile Heritage Museum