



Recreation and Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

Alamance Parks Office 3916 R. Dean Coleman. Burlington, NC 27215

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Ms. Lisa Wolff (via Zoom), Commissioner Ed Priola, Mr. David Woody, Ms. Kelly Ronnow, Mr. Mike Dunning, Dr. Harold Kernodle, Mr. Thomas Purcell, Elizabeth Read, Lee Isley

ALAMANCE PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Jamie Merchel – Director, Chase Parrish – Grants & Communications Coordinator, Nolan Carter – Trails & Open Spaces Coordinator, Mackenzie Barrier – Adaptive & Inclusive Recreation Coordinator

1) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Call to Order and Establish Quorum – Meeting called to order at 6:08pm, Quorum established
- b) Review and approval of the February 18th minutes – Motion to approve, motion carries

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

3) REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

4) REPORT OF STAFF

- a) Special Olympics, VIP and AIR Updates – Mackenzie Barrier
 - i) VIP Mini Golf Tournament at Dan Nicholas Park – 3/22
 - 6 participants competing this year
 - ii) AIR Basketball Tournament 3/29
 - 9 teams signed up to compete this year, consisting of local fire and police departments, Elon fraternities and sororities and a few other local, independent teams
 - iii) SO Spring Games 4/10 (8am-2pm)
 - Annual Track and Field event
 - Held at the Elon Schar Center this year to avoid inclement weather
 - 400 athletes competing this year, about 670 volunteers signed up
 - Athletes can choose up to 3 events to participate in for the day
 - iv) Adaptive Family Foot Golf
 - Coming up in May, more details coming soon!
 - v) Need for Adaptive Golf Coach
 - If you know anyone please reach out to Mackenzie

5) OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

- a) Cane Creek Phase 2 Grand Opening – Friday April 4th
 - i) Guided hike to the tower afterwards or riding a UTV
 - ii) Please be sure to send your RSVP and note if you will be hiking or need a ride up
 - iii) Limited parking space, please be on the lookout for parking details soon
- b) Cane Creek Phase 3 Parking Lot Construction

- i) Meeting next week with KBS to talk about next steps, hoping that the completion date remains the same
- c) BE Jordan Ballfield
 - i) Concessions and restroom facilities are installed, waiting for power and water connections currently
 - ii) Slabs for picnic shelter have been poured
 - iii) Sidewalks and handicap spaces as well as finishing touches are coming soon
- d) Village of Alamance
 - i) Waiting for a bid on the concrete skirt (the only item we are outsourcing)
- e) AO Ballfield Lights
 - i) New lights are up and old ones removed, just waiting for the electrical hookups
- f) Paddle Film Festival 3/29/25 Lisa and Mike assisting
 - i) More details to be sent out for Lisa and Mike
- g) Active Alamance App
 - i) Progress is being made, the Impact Alamance Board has approved their portion of the funding
 - ii) All parks and rec departments in Alamance County are involved and have agreed to a 2 year trial run
 - iii) Each department will be responsible for managing their content on the app
 - iv) The athletics collaborative will be heavily utilized for the content on the app as well
 - v) App is scheduled to go live mid-late May of this year

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2025-2026 Budget Requests
 - i) Biggest asks are equipment (dump trailer), vehicles (two new trucks for park techs and 2 gently used cars for part-time staff), funds for creating a new master plan (required for us to have and for it to be updated)
- b) PARTF Grant Application and Assistance with Public Input
 - i) Application process is underway.
- c) ABSS Joint Use Agreement Update – Inquired about donation of athletic parks and community centers.
 - i) New agreements are out and hopefully will be signed in time to present to county commissioners next month.
- d) Request from commission members for a report on volunteer hours and the amount of money that is saving the county.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Reminder about the group paddle following our June meeting
- b) Registration for Spring sports registration is open
- c) Baseball/Softball/Tee Ball will begin in June
- d) We are looking for a certified Archery coach that is USA Archery certified
- e) Dogwood Festival – Partnering with the CVB. We need volunteers to man the table in 4 hour shifts
- f) Pleasant Grove Elementary Spring Fling 5/17 – We need volunteers to help out with our table/tent

8) ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Next Meeting April 22nd 6pm at Pleasant Grove Community Center