



Recreation and Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026, 12:00pm

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Chair Ms. Lisa Wolff, Vice-Chair Mr. Peter Dahl, Commissioner Ed Priola, Dr. Charles Parker (via Teams), Mr. David Woody, Ms. Kelly Ronnow, Mr. Mike Dunning, Ms. Elizabeth Read, Dr. Harold Kernodle, Mr. Lee Isley, Dr. Janet MacFall

ALAMANCE PARKS STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Merchel – Director, Chase Parrish – Grants & Communications Coordinator, Nolan Carter – Trails & Open Space Coordinator, Michael Scott – Parks Superintendent

1) COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Call to Order and Establish Quorum
 - i) Meeting called to order at 12:01pm, quorum established
- b) Review and approval of the Feb 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - i) Motion to approve Feb 2026 meeting minutes made by Lee Isley, motion seconded by Janet MacFall, motion passed

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

3) REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

- a) No news to report on from Chair Lisa Wolff

4) REPORT OF STAFF

- a) Director's Update
 - i) No major updates, talking points to be discussed in old business and new business.

5) OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

- a) Major Projects Dashboard
 - i) The board reviewed the most recently updated projects dashboard
- b) Tropical Storm Chantal Recovery - FEMA On Hold
 - i) Given the current partial government shutdown, FEMA movement has stalled for the moment. Jamie will provide an update once there is news to share.
- c) Comprehensive Master Plan Update – working on contract this week
 - i) Interviews are complete and a decision has been made. The contract is currently being worked on before being submitted to legal for review. Stay tuned for future announcements on how the board will be involved in the master plan process. Board member Janet MacFall shared her thoughts from the interview process with both companies. She is very excited about the company that the department has chosen to partner with and is looking forward to the coming months.
- d) 26-27 Operating Budget Requests submitted
 - i) Requests were submitted last week. Jamie will be reviewing the requests with the County Manager in late April with updates to come afterwards.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a) HRT Update – Landfill Property

i) The department met with the new Solid Waste Director and began flagging the potential trail connection that passes through the landfill between the existing HRT and the recently acquired Alston Quarter boundary. Once the proposed trail has been approved, work will begin immediately on that connection. The department has had a very positive working partnership with the landfill and looks forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

b) Seats Expiring June 30, 2026; Elizabeth, David, Mike

i) Application for current board members to reapply and new candidates to apply will be available online for submission.

7) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Upcoming Programs and Events

- Spring Archery starts this week
- ABSS 8th Grade Field Trips in Glencoe this month
- SOAC Spring Games 4/2 @ Elon Belk Track
- Uncle Eli's Quilting Party 4/2 at EW Gym
- Cedarock Trail Run and Haw River Assembly 5k at Sax Island 4/11
- AIR Basketball Tournament 4/18
- Alamance Outdoors programs in April (Blue Bird Habitat Heroes and Star Party)
- Alamance Athletics Intro to Sports this month at PG; Tee-ball, Baseball, Softball scheduled to start 4/13 at BEJ and PG
- Alamance Club League March - May

b) Public Input Sessions – PARTF Alston Quarter

- April 14th 6pm – Haw River Ballroom
- April 23rd 6pm – Carousel Room Burlington (Coffee & Conversation)

c) Chair Lisa Wolff suggested that the next board meeting be a pot luck for the group

8) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm

Next Meeting is Tuesday, April 21st, 6pm at the Administrative Office at Cedarock Park