

Sanford Parks Advisory Committee
Joint meeting with Lee County Parks and Recreation
Bob Hales Center
147 McIver Street, Sanford NC 27330
February 27, 2023, 5:30pm

Meeting Minutes

The following members were present

Al Roethlisberger
Bob Bridwell
Chad Spivey
Joni Martin
Mark Lyczkowski

Non-Voting Attendees

Brandon Harris
Greg Crowson
Charles Taylor
Cindy Castle
Judith Wilson
Nick Fortune

Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Chad Spivey. Chad welcomed everyone to the Lee County Parks and City Parks board meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was not approved due to not having quorum for Lee County Parks Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

Resident Travis Petty stated that he has lived in Sanford his whole life. He is actively involved with the youth in the community. He mentioned some recent sport activities that he has led and coached. Travis stated that he was interested in learning more about what goes on at Parks and Recreation Advisory meetings and that he was here today to listen.

Old Business

Brandon Harris gave brief updates on ongoing Lee County Parks and Recreation projects from Joseph Keel, who is absent due to illness. Temple Park phase II, which includes a bathroom and shelter combination, has been ordered as well as the playground equipment. Horton Pool bath house renovations are going very well. The goal is to have this project completed by Memorial Day. Multi sports complex plans should be ready to go out for bids the week of Memorial Day and should be received back by the week of July 4th. Bid documents for Kiwanis Children's Park phase II, which will have a new playground and bathroom facilities, are now complete.

Brandon asked Cindy Castle to give an update on the event "Egg-A-Palooza." The first annual easter egg hunt hosted with the Sanford Parks Department. There are approximately 8,000 eggs for the egg hunt, and they will have different age groups for the hunt. Nick and Cindy have been planning this family event together and it will feature food trucks, music, face painter, and possibly efforts from other departments such as the Library and First Responders. The event will be held on April 1st from 10am to 12pm at Depot Park. Charles Taylor thanked Cindy and stated that as an elected official it was great to see how the City and the County are working together and he appreciates the efforts.

New Business

Motion was made by Bob Bridwell to support the County Resolution of Support for the Endor Iron Furnace Property. Motion was seconded by Joni Martin, unanimously approved by the Sanford Parks committee. Motion made by Mark Lyczkowski to approve minutes from the last Sanford Parks Commission Meeting. Motion was seconded by Joni, and unanimously approved by the committee.

Nick Fortune gave some updates for the Sanford Parks Master Plan. A contractor consultant has been selected and hopefully the plan will be completed in the later half of the year. Summer concert series will continue at Depot Park this summer as renovations to the building will likely begin in September. Also, DOT has been contacted about the rails to trails program and a meeting with the City's Planning and Engineering departments and Lee County has been scheduled.

Chad asked if anyone had an update on the medical mile to extend greenway. Nick stated easements are still an issue and is why the PARTF grant was denied last year. Bob questioned if anything was being done to help with the easements. Nick stated that WithersRavenel has been contacted to help and have sent an estimate to obtain the easements, update drawings and maps. Requesting this amount in next year's budget is the first step in the process.

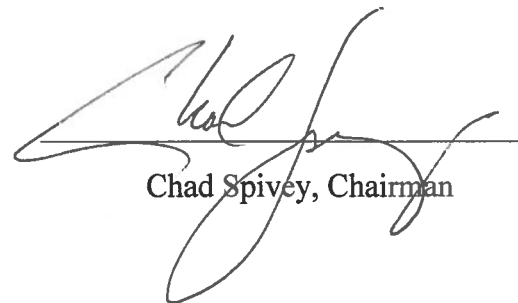
Additional Comments

Al stated that he enjoyed having both committees together, and suggested joint meetings happen more often.

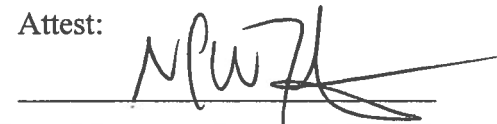
Adjournment

Chad made a motion to adjourn at 6:09 pm. Motion was seconded by Joni and unanimously approved by both committees.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad Spivey, Chairman

Attest:


Nick Fortune, Clerk