

**MINUTES
KING PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met in a regular session on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Present were: Vice Chairman, Charles Helsabeck, Steve Roberson, Peggy Slate, Lynn Barr, Cooper Smith, Chris Chunn and Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway.

Vice Chairman, Charles Helsabeck, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Cooper Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the February and March 2022 regular meetings. Peggy Slate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, informed the group of the status of the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application, which has been finished and is to be submitted in the next few days.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed potential locations for bench donations from Derrick Vickers of Insight Human Services. Cooper Smith made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Department accept five benches: three to be placed in the disc golf course, and two along the walking trail, on opposite sides from current bench locations. Peggy Slate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, described the department's need for a recreational needs survey: to gather input from the community, plan future projects, and meet requirements for future grant applications. Being a large task, help and input on questions and surveying techniques are requested from the committee. The committee plans to research and revisit at the May meeting.

The committee heard a presentation by King Little League proposing a new tee ball field, to be constructed on the current multipurpose (formerly football) field. Steve Roberson expressed concern about the location and the potential for fly balls from field 4. Vice Chairman, Charles Helsabeck, expressed support for the project, provided that there was enough space to accommodate older teams during a tournament.

Cooper Smith made a motion to recommend the proposed construction of a new tee ball field to City Council, provided that the proposed field is built in a way that will allow it to be used for other divisions for tournaments. Steve Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN:

UPDATES ON PARKS

ADJOURNMENT

Lynn Barr made a motion to adjourn. Peggy Slate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Olivia Calloway, Parks and Recreation Director