

**MINUTES
KING PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met in a regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Present were: Chairman, Garry Merritt, Vice Chairman, Charles Helsabeck, Steve Roberson, Peggy Slate, Chris Chunn, Lynn Barr, and Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Garry Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2022 regular meeting. Steve Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, informed the group of the status of the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application, the scope of which will include a sports lighting upfit for baseball/softball fields at Rec Acres, rock dust and landscape timbers to repair Rec Acres walking trail, and outdoor fitness equipment stations around the walking track. The group discussed the benefits of these elements increasing the application's points in the grant system, and weighed that against the increased costs.

Chairman, Garry Merritt, made a motion to approve the project as presented, including sports lighting, exercise equipment, and walking trail renovations. Peggy Slate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, updated the committee on park programming and maintenance, including the disc golf course construction, new summer camp offerings, Carriage Rides and Cocoa Valentine's Day event, hiking series, Appalachian Trail walking challenge, and sponsorship signage at the Rec Acres dog park.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN:

None

UPDATES ON PARKS

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, informed the group about the ongoing effort to replace some of Rec Acres walking trail landscape timbers, using a generous donation from Theodore Fulk. The group discussed what planting options might be best for the bank bordering the Pilotview Dr side of the walking trail.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman, Garry Merritt, 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