

MINUTES
KING PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019
7:00 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met in a regular session at Recreation Acres Community Building on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Present were: Chairman, Gary Merritt, Vice Chairman, Charles Helsabeck, Chris Chunn, Steve Roberson, Ashley Turner, Lynn Barr, City Councilman Rick McCraw, Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Smith, Stokes County Cooperative Extension Director Carl Mitchell, Matt Shelton and Katie Tedder from Stokes County Special Olympics, Excused absence Peggy Slate.

Chairman, Gary Merritt called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman, Gary Merritt made a motion to table the Veteran's Memorial Fountain. Steve Roberson seconded the motion.

The committee received a report from Councilman Rick McCraw about the Dog Park presentation at the March 4, 2019 City Council meeting. He reported that the council approved the location and the design for the park, without the parking lot and using rock dust in lieu of concrete for the walkway. Next steps were discussed, including fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS

Director of Stokes County Cooperative Extension, Carl Mitchell presented to the board the Farm to Families farmer's market to be held at Recreation Acres beginning April 6, 2019 to continue throughout Little League season, potentially into the Fall if well received. Hours will be 9am – 12pm each Saturday, in a new location from the previous year, in a flat, grassy area behind field #7. Chairman Gary Merritt made a motion to accept the plan for the farmer's market as presented. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Matt Shelton and Katie Tedder from Stokes County Special Olympics presented their efforts to enhance Special Olympics within the county from a one-day unofficial event to a year-round program to serve special athletes and provide them a community and activity and to train in hopes of competing at the state and national levels. They informed the board of their call for volunteers.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Director Olivia Smith updated the committee on the development of park programs and events.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN:

None

UPDATES ON PARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Charles Helsabeck made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Gary Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Olivia Smith, Parks and Recreation Director