

MINUTES
KING PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019
7:00 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met in a regular session at Recreation Acres Community Building on Thursday, October 10, 2019. Present were: Chairman, Garry Merritt, Vice Chairman, Charles Helsabeck, Steve Roberson, Chris Chunn, Peggy Slate, Ashley Turner, Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Smith, City Councilman Rick McCraw, and City Manager Homer Dearmin.

Chairman, Garry Merritt, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Charles Helsabeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2019 regular meeting, Peggy Slate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

The committee looked over two drawings created by City Planner Todd Cox of a potential additional parking lot at the White Rd. entrance to Recreation Acres. Steve Roberson made a motion to present the second drawing, which would add over 40 parking spots and shift the White Rd. entrance to the park, to the City Council. Vice Chairman Charles Helsabeck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Simon Oves, a Boy Scout of Troop 779 in Kernersville, NC, presented his Eagle Scout/William T. Hornaday project, proposing to remove invasive plant species including little leaf holly and bush honeysuckle, from Central Park. This project would take place in the winter of 2019-2020 following approval by the City Council. Vice Chairman Charles Helsabeck made a motion to recommend the project to City Council, Steve Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Director Olivia Smith updated the committee on the development of park programs and events. The committee discussed the success of the recent travel softball tournament, held on October 5th, and the progress of fundraising for the dog park. The council approved the motion to remove the old walking path signs at Recreation Acres which directed walkers ‘one way,’ finding them to be outdated and unnecessary.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN:

None

UPDATES ON PARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Olivia Smith, Parks and Recreation Director