



## Agenda

### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

### March 22, 2023

### 7:00 PM

**Present:** Mary Ka Powers, Chair  
Aaron Gauger, Member  
Judy Siwy, Member  
Dick Armant, Member  
Paul Vilga, Mayor Pro Tem  
Kelly Arnold, Town Manager  
JG Ferguson, Parks & Recreation Director  
Eddie Henderson, Project & Facilities Coordinator  
Katie Pearce, Customer Care Specialist

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Agenda Topic</i>
1.	<b>Call to order and welcome</b> – Chair Mary Ka Powers called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2.	<b>Approve the minutes of February 22, 2023 Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board meeting</b> – moved by Chair Powers, hearing no objections the minutes were approved as written.
3.	<b><u>Old Business</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>PARAB Officers-Secretary</b> – Town staff member Katie Pearce introduced as secretary for meetings. Judy Siwy volunteered to fill role of backup secretary when needed. Motion to appoint Judy Siwy backup secretary made by Dick Armant and seconded by Aaron Gauger. Motion carried by unanimous vote.</li><li>b. <b>Non-Agenda Item: Visitor</b> – Resident Jerry Mangum in attendance, addressed the board and expressed interest in forming Veteran's group. Also interested in being more active in the community. Advised to contact Town Clerk Robin Peyton and Commissioner Dan Alston for further involvement.</li><li>c. <b>CIP 2024-2029</b> – Staff referenced CIP presentation covered in last meeting. Wants to give board opportunity to thoroughly review projects and rank in order of priority to provide guidance. Since two members are missing this meeting, CIP will be revisited in April.</li></ul>
4.	<b><u>New Business</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <b>Trail Art Selection</b> – Staff presented submissions to Trail Art program for consideration and selection. Refreshed board on the Trail Art program; program is daily in June with 2-3 pieces of art placed on trails for finding by the public. Projects were: ceramic snakes, ceramic birds, ceramic mushrooms, &amp; painted stones. All</li></ul>

projects fall between \$1000-\$1300 for total payment to artist. Discussion of the pros and cons of each piece between board. Motion to select ceramic birds made by Judy Siwy, seconded by Dick Armant. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b. **Plan Review: Woodlief Assemblage** – Staff presented property near Rolesville x Fowler Road intersection. Adopted greenway and bike plans show side path and bike lanes, current developer concept plan excludes these. Staff recommend requesting developer include the side path and bike lane in plans. Motion to request developer revise concept plan to include bike lanes on Rolesville and Fowler Roads and side path on Fowler Road made by Aaron Gauger, seconded by Dick Armant. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- c. **Plan Review: Hills at Harris Creek** – Staff presented property bordering Mitchell Mill Road running along powerline. Staff recommend adding east to west greenway connection and north to south greenway connection along powerline. Current developer concept plan excludes greenways. Mayor Pro Tem Vilga suggests asking developer to view Austin Creek linear park for reference and inspiration. Motion to request developer revise and resubmit concept plan to be consistent with board and staff comments made during last submission cycle and adopted bike and greenway plans made by Aaron Gauger and seconded by Judy Siwy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- d. **Plan Review: 6000 Rogers Road** – Staff presented property at corner of Granite Falls Boulevard and Rogers Road. Bike lanes and side path excluded from current developer concept plan. Staff recommend requesting developer include bike lane along Rogers Road and side path along Granite Falls Boulevard. Motion to request developer revise concept plan to include side path along Granite Falls Boulevard and bike lane along Rogers Road so it is consistent with adopted bicycle and greenway plans made by Aaron Gauger and seconded by Judy Siwy. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- e. **FY 23-24 Parks & Recreation Position Requests** – Staff shared that an additional Athletics Program Coordinator position was requested for FY23-24. Staff provided figures comparing Rolesville to national medians and local peers, information about athletics program growth, and workload for Athletics Program Coordinator. Requested additional Athletics Program Coordinator position has been denied for FY23-24. Staff presented the option of reducing offerings by 50% via restricting different sports to different seasons to create a sustainable workload for single athletics FTE. Pros and cons of option discussed at length. Concerns about impact on public expressed. Kelly Arnold summarized the needs of different departments in the organization and shared desire to balance the wants and needs of all. Board ultimately supports reducing athletics offerings per season to create sustainable workload for single athletics FTE until there is funding for an additional athletics FTE, valuing quality of programs over quantity, and hoping to boost staff retention for that position.

5. **Report from Parks & Recreation Director**

- Reviewed information shared in FYI packet (Ting platinum sponsor, upcoming special events, Earth Day pollinator garden installation mentioned by Mayor Pro Tem Vilga, cultural program participation figures, facility repairs and improvements, 811 athletics participants registered this spring)
- Working with NC DOT to get second entrance to The Farm, planning to have more information for April meeting
- Kelly Arnold added commentary
  - Available funds for scholarship program support
  - Ground broken on public works facility
  - Funding has been requested through Congresswoman Ross' office for improvements to Main Street Park, optimistic about chances

6. **Committee Reports**

- a. **OSAG Committee** – No report. Staff will work to advertise for new members for this committee this month.

7. **Other Business**

- Chair Powers mentioned advisory board member appreciation dinner April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Judy Siwy asked about Chandler's Ridge greenway and what plans there are to connect it; staff responded the greenway will eventually connect to The Farm but collaboration with the county and HOA is required to complete it

8. **Adjourn** – Hearing no objections Chair Powers adjourned the meeting at 9:01pm.