

Recreation Committee Meeting 12/8

Secretary's note: the recording device I use to transcribe meetings failed to record. Unfortunately I did not realize that until a few days later when I reviewed the recording. I do have some very rudimentary notes, but any help on this would be accepted gratefully.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Paul Henriques

Attending Committee Members

Paul Henriques

Tom Hefner

Charlotte Walker

Timothy Fish

Kip Tabb

Others Present:

Mayor Garry Perry

Sandy Hawley Town

Minutes of previous meetings approved unanimous

Minutes of October 27, 2020 meeting approved as stands.

Agenda approved unanimous

Old Business:

Recreation Committee Master Plan

Discussion centered on concerns about the priorities listed in the Master Plan. Mayor Perry pointed out that it was a guide and could be adjusted as needed.

Tom Hefner felt before approving the plan needed to better reflect the direction and priorities of the committee.

Kip Tabb motioned to postpone approval of the Master Plan until January with the understanding that committee would make adjustments as needed.

Timothy Fish seconding.

Motion carried 4-1 with Tom Hefner voting Nay.

Hurdle Street Beach Access

Extensive discussion focussing on property owner reactions to the proposed parking area on Hurdle Street. There was also discussion of how access to the beach would be accomplished.

The dune and lots directly across from Hurdle Street are not suitable for building. Nonetheless, property owners were likely to be concerned about loss of their property.

General discussion about strategies for creating a beach access point followed with Mayor Perry noting that the best option would be to agree with the property owners on a fair price. Included in the discussion was the option of eminent domain.

Tom Hefner voiced concern about eminent domain as an option.

Further discussion included Mayor Perry indicating he would see if there were parcels of property the town owned that could be used for beach access.

Charlotte Walker made a motion to recommend town move forward with the project.

Timothy Fish seconding.

Motion passed unanimously.

Connector Trail from Kitty Hawk Park to Birch Lane Trail.

Mayor Perry asked committee members to be aware of action at the next Town Council Meeting.

A \$69,000 grant from the North Carolina Department of Natural Cultural Resources was announced at the meeting.

Other Business:

Secretary's notes failed him at this point. They're too cryptic to make out.

From Tom's notes: Business cards for Board members

Town Website - Survey Monkey

Paul read Pruitt Park Letter

Pump Park

Pickle Ball Court

Chairman Henriques discussed pickle ball and how popular it has become. He asked committee members "... see if we could put the word out and see if there's any interest in something like that." He also mentioned that he had an informal discussion with Tim White, Dare County Public Services Director who told him it was very popular with pick up games a daily happening.

Council Liaison

Mayor Perry pointed out that the committee didn't have to do everything at one time.

Chairman Henriques indicated that work on revising the master plan could be done via email or other communications. He also took note of Charlotte Walker's suggestion that a workshop meeting could be a possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Kip Tabb Motioned to adjourn

Charlotte Walker second.

Motion past unanimously
