

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Recreation Master Plan Review
3. Pump Track
4. LAC Meeting
5. Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Committee members present:

Paul Henriques - Chair

Kip Tabb - Vice Chair

David Klebitz

Ryan Thibodeau – Secretary

Committee members not present:

Peter Mantz

Other town officials in attendance:

Charlotte Walker - Town Council

Sandy Myers - Town of Kitty Hawk

Recreation Master Plan Review

The recreation master plan was finalized. Amendments were made, and the committee motioned to approve the master plan with the discussed changes. They acknowledged the ongoing nature of the document and expressed satisfaction with the revisions made during the meeting. The updated document will serve as a further summary of the discussion.

Pump Track

Committee members expressed their determination to pursue the construction of a pump track, despite facing challenges with finding suitable land and potential opposition. Different locations were mentioned, such as the town hall property or the site of the future police department. The committee members agreed that it was time to seek guidance from the Town Council and requested clear direction to move forward. They contemplated sending a written communication highlighting their efforts and the need for a decision from the Council. The committee emphasized the uniqueness and popularity of pump tracks as a recreational amenity and its potential to set the town apart from others. The conversation concluded with a proposal to halt further discussions until receiving input from the Town Council and taking their guidance on the matter.

LAC Meeting

Committee members attended the recent Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve LAC Meeting in support of a proposed loop trail through a state-managed property. The state manager presented evidence including LIDAR topography, pictures, and information on vegetation, drainage, and wildlife species, making a case against the trail. However, Paul Henriques, who serves on the LAC Committee in addition to the Recreation Committee, felt that the state's presentation was a bit misleading, suggesting a more intrusive impact than what was actually proposed.

There was some confusion and frustration about how land in the Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve has been treated inconsistently, and the committee felt it was important to advocate for the town's rights and the pursuit of the trail, despite the state's initial rejection.

To foster better understanding and collaboration, it was proposed to invite the state manager to join a walk along the trail. The hope was that experiencing it firsthand would lead to a reconsideration of the project. Everyone acknowledged that working with the state should be handled in a friendly and cooperative manner.

Meeting adjourned 7:29 p.m.

Minutes approved on July 25, 2023 regular meeting.