

Town of Kitty Hawk Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes January 30, 2024
Kitty Hawk Recreation Committee Meeting
Kitty Hawk Town Hall

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Attendance
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2023
4. Public Comment
5. New Business:
 - 2024-2025 Budget Requests
6. Old Business:
 - Discuss multi-trail around Town Hall
7. Items from Council and Staff Liaison:
8. Items brought up by Committee Members:
9. Next meeting date (on the calendar for April 30, 2024)
10. Adjourn

Meeting called to order at 6:02 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

Melody Clopton - Town of Kitty Hawk

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2023

The approval of the minutes was initially tabled and later proposed to be approved at the end of the meeting since the committee didn't have a printed version of the latest minutes. The minutes were later approved at the end of the meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment

New Business:

2024-2025 Budget Requests: The discussion included details about the budget, with \$10,000 allocated in the regular budget for recreational activities or initiatives, and \$30,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund. There was a focus on the need for spending or allocating these funds before the fiscal year's end (June) to avoid losing them.

Old Business:

Discuss multi-trail around Town Hall: The main topic revolved around the development of a multi-trail around Town Hall, with considerations for environmental impacts, potential budget requirements, and strategic planning for trail construction, including phase one and phase two proposals. Committee members expressed enthusiasm for the project, citing its potential to enhance community engagement and recreational opportunities. Detailed plans for trail alignments, budget considerations for construction, potential survey work, and community involvement were discussed. There was a motion to present a plan to town staff. Motion carried.

Items Brought Up By Council Liaison

There was an extensive discussion involving town representative Melody Clopton about the challenges and possibilities for trail development in Coastal Reserve areas and alternative suggestions for recreational improvements. The town is not supportive of more trails in the reserve besides the proposed Sandy Run connector trail, which would connect Sandy Run Park with the Birch Lane Trail. Melody explained that Eric from the Coastal Reserve would help with grant opportunities to help with funding for the project.

Items Brought Up By Committee Members:

The discussion was primarily focused on the trail project, with members expressing concerns, suggestions, and the division of responsibilities for moving the project forward.

The committee is currently working on a way to creatively share the results of the recent recreation survey with the town and other stakeholders.

Regarding the new bridge and trail that will connect Sandy Run Park to the Birch Lane Trail, the committee will provide an official motion showing support if needed.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.