

Chatham County Parks & Recreation

Recreation Advisory Committee

Year End Report

Recreation Advisory Committee Members

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Lisa Baaske
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Chairperson: Timothy Mounce
Vice Chairperson: Lisa Baaske

Current Facilities

Earl Thompson Park

- Softball Field
- Playground

Southwest District Park

- Shelter
- Kitchen
- Softball Field
- Playground
- Trail

Briar Chapel Park

- Softball Field 1
- Softball Field 2
- Football Field
- Soccer Field

Northeast District Park

- Tennis Court/Pickleball Court
- Tennis Ball Machine
- Softball Field
- Multi-purpose field
- Shelter
- Trail

Northwest District Park

- Dining Hall
- Activity Center
- Shelter
- Pool
- Shelter

Parks

- American Tobacco Trail
- Bynum Beach Access
- 15/501 Canoe Access
- 64 East Canoe Access

Current Programs

T-Ball

Wrestling

Track & Field

Youth Softball

Youth Basketball

Summer Camp

Tennis

Volleyball

Holiday Events

Family Fun Nights

Adult Basketball

Open Gym

Co-Ed Adult Softball

National Walking Day

Committee Members Involvement

- Committee members were part of the selection committee for the firm for Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan
- Some committee members served on the steering committee for the Master Plan
- Committee members toured Bonlee Recreation to see the improvements from the Grants to Organizations Funds
- The committee discussed the idea of meeting with the Town of Pittsboro Recreation Advisory Committee
- A committee member and their family participated in the Family Fund Night at the Northeast District Park
- Some members were involved with the Town of Pittsboro Recreation Park System Master Plan
- Committee members participated at the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan & Stakeholders meetings
- Committee members attended the Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area Master Plan Presentation
- Committee members gave recommendations for the Grants to Organization Funds and discussed the funds to Towns Projects
- The Recreation Resource Services staff from Raleigh facilitated the Annual Recreation Advisory Committee Retreat. The Chatham County manager and a staff member from the Chatham County Schools participated in the retreat.

How funds for the Grants to Organization Funds were used:

Bonlee Recreation used the funds to replace the roofs for their concession stand, grandstand and both dugouts. They also put in a cement patio to allow better access for wheelchairs and strollers.

Friends of the Lower Haw River State Natural Area received funding to help support improvements at Hwy 15-501 and Hwy 64 sites managed or owned by Chatham County by installing a new kiosks, new signage and repairing an existing shade shelter.

Sprott Youth Center used their funds to pay staff for open gym.

Triangle Land Conservancy's funds were used for Phase II of improvements to trails at White Pines Reserve.

Funds to Towns Projects

Siler City funds were used for construction of the Bray Park Aquatic Facility. Construction has been completed.

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Town of Pittsboro funds was used for their Parks & Recreation System Master Plan.

Parks & Recreation Volunteer Days

Chatham Central High School Advanced Studies class along with Agriculture Teacher Christopher Hart planted flowers donated by Lowe's Home Improvement in Pittsboro at our Southwest District Park located in Bear Creek.

During the spring of 2017, Boy Scout Troop 911 from Silk Hope spent a couple of days clearing a new trail system at the Northwest District Park. This trail allows park visitors to walk, run, bike or ride horses without using the roadway. An Eagle Scout candidate also worked hard building a bridge for the trail as part of the Eagle Scout Project. The bridge and trail were completed in the summer of 2017.

Upgrades were made to our T-Ball field at our Northwest District Park with sand donated by Pugh Concrete.

Total Savings

Load of Sand: \$240

Volunteer Hours: \$378 (average rate of \$9.00 per hour)

Mulch Delivery Savings: \$200-\$225

Load of dirt for Northwest Park: \$150

Plants from Lowe's Home Improvements: \$200

Total Savings to the county in donations is \$1,193