

Recreation Advisory Committee

Annual Summary Report

Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department



Recreation Advisory Committee

- Date of Presentation: **Aug. 21, 2017**
- Time period covered: **June 2016 to July 2017**
- Chairperson: **Josh Lindgren**
- # of Meetings Held During Time Period Covered: **6 meetings**

- ≅ Josh Lindgren, Chair
- ≅ George Pauly, vice chair
- ≅ Ann Alston, secretary
- ≅ Lisa Baaske
- ≅ James Fogleman
- ≅ Andrew George
- ≅ Megan Lynch
- ≅ Timothy Mounce
- ≅ Tammy Phillips
- ≅ Howard Surface



A Young boy is practicing soccer at Northeast District Park

Recreation Advisory Committee Mission

- The mission of the Chatham County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is to advise and support staff with recreation policies, programs, and facilities.



CCP&R Northwest Park Pond with Summer Campers enjoying canoeing or pedal boating



CCP&R Briar Chapel Park Concession Stand



CCP&R Northwest Park Dining Hall where Summer camp meets to play board games and eat lunch

Current Facilities

Parks:

- American Tobacco Trail
- Bynum Beach Access
- 15/501 Canoe Access
- 64 East Canoe Access
- Earl Thompson Park
 - Softball Field
 - Playground

• Northwest District Park

- Dining Hall
- Activity/Game Center
- Shelter
- Pool

• Northeast District Park

- Shelter
- Tennis Court
- Tennis ball machine
- Softball Field
- Multipurpose field

• Southwest District Park

- Shelter
- Kitchen
- Softball/ Multipurpose Field

• Briar Chapel Park

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



Earl Thompson Park Softball Field



Northwest Park Dining Hall



Northwest Park Pool



Southwest Park Kitchen/ Shelter



Briar Chapel Park Soccer Field

Current Programs



Programs

- Summer Camp
- Paddle Camp
- Tennis/ Pickle ball
- Volleyball
- Softball (Youth & Adult)
- T-ball
- Track & Field
- Basketball (Youth & Adult)
- Wrestling
- National Walking Day
- Family Fun Nights
- Holiday Events



Goals, Objectives, & Key Measures

- Goal: To investigate indoor recreation facility options to enhance (or expand) recreational opportunities.
- Objective: Research options/models for shared/joint indoor recreation facilities
- Key measures: Number of school/shared recreation facilities toured with school administration

A boy, his father, and coach practice football at the Northeast District Park soccer field.



A girl and her dad practice Tennis on the Northeast District Park Tennis Courts

Accomplishments

- In discussion with Paul Horne from Town of Pittsboro on the upcoming growth of facility and programming needs
- Recreation Advisory Committee held joint meeting with Pittsboro Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Held annual retreat where Chris Blice, Chief Operations Officer from the school attended, this resulted in a joint site visit with him to Cumberland County to look at a shared use facility
- The Committee toured the Moncure Sprott Center to see the improvements as well as held a meeting at their location
- Held meeting with Town of Cary Staff and Recreation consultant to discuss Chatham Cary Joint Plan



BEFORE ↑
at the Moncure Sprott
Center



AFTER →
at the Moncure
Sprott Center

Accomplishments Cont.

- George Pauly and James Folgeman participated in the comp plan committee
- Submitted letter of support to the Recreational Trail Program Grant and was awarded the grant to improve the trail at the Lower Haw River and to construct a bridge over **Pokeberry Creek (\$125,000 grant)**
- Submitted letter to PARTF for Briar Chapel Park Improvements



Pokeberry Bridge Location funded through the Recreational Trail Program Grant received due to the RAC's letter of support

Accomplishments Cont.



Funds to Towns helped fund this piece of playground equipment for the Town of Pittsboro

Reference photo of playground globe with children playing on it.

- Established guidelines and criteria that helped create the Fund allocations to Towns
- Members toured Northeast Park with Staff and made recommendations for an Ecoyarden at Northeast District Park



Reference photo of ecoyarden from the Science Center in Singapore

Accomplishments Cont.

- Members reviewed presentations/petitions made by community groups (i.e. model airplanes, dirt bike track, baseball complex, etc.)
- Megan Lynch and George Pauly assisted with the Friends of the Lower Haw River work day



A man and his friends using the 15-501 North Parking Lot along the Haw River to put in for a day kayaking on the river.



Board members Megan Lynch and George Pauly assisting with the Friends of the Haw River Group work day.

Accomplishments Cont.

- George Pauly researched and coordinated Nature based educational speakers for Summer Camp



Summer Campers learning about nature from the several nature education speakers. Deputy talks with the youth at summer camp.

Accomplishments Cont.



BEFORE



AFTER



Deep River Park

- Funds from the Recreation Agency Grant helped revitalize the Camelback Truss Bridge
- Re-surfacing of the bridge was completed in 2017



Accomplishments Cont.

Recreation Agency Grant

- Revised Recreation Agency Grant Application Scoresheet



The Triangle Land Conservancy group used funds provided through the Recreation Agency Grant to restore trails at White Pines Nature Preserve.



Accomplishments Cont.

- Supported pilot program at North Chatham Elementary School called Open Gym



CCP&R Earl Thompson Park is the host location of their Adult Coed Softball Team that holds games on Sundays when leagues play in Spring and Fall.



CCP&R Northeast District Park walking path is enjoyed by two walkers on a hot day.



CCP&R Track programs currently take place at Northwoods High School and is one example of shared facilities between schools and CCP&R.

Barriers and Challenges

- Lack of staff and Resources
- Contributions to the Park Capital Reserve for annual ongoing park improvements were eliminated
- Find funding for recommendations from master plan.
- Opportunities to attend conferences/trainings for committee members.

Recommended Changes/ Other



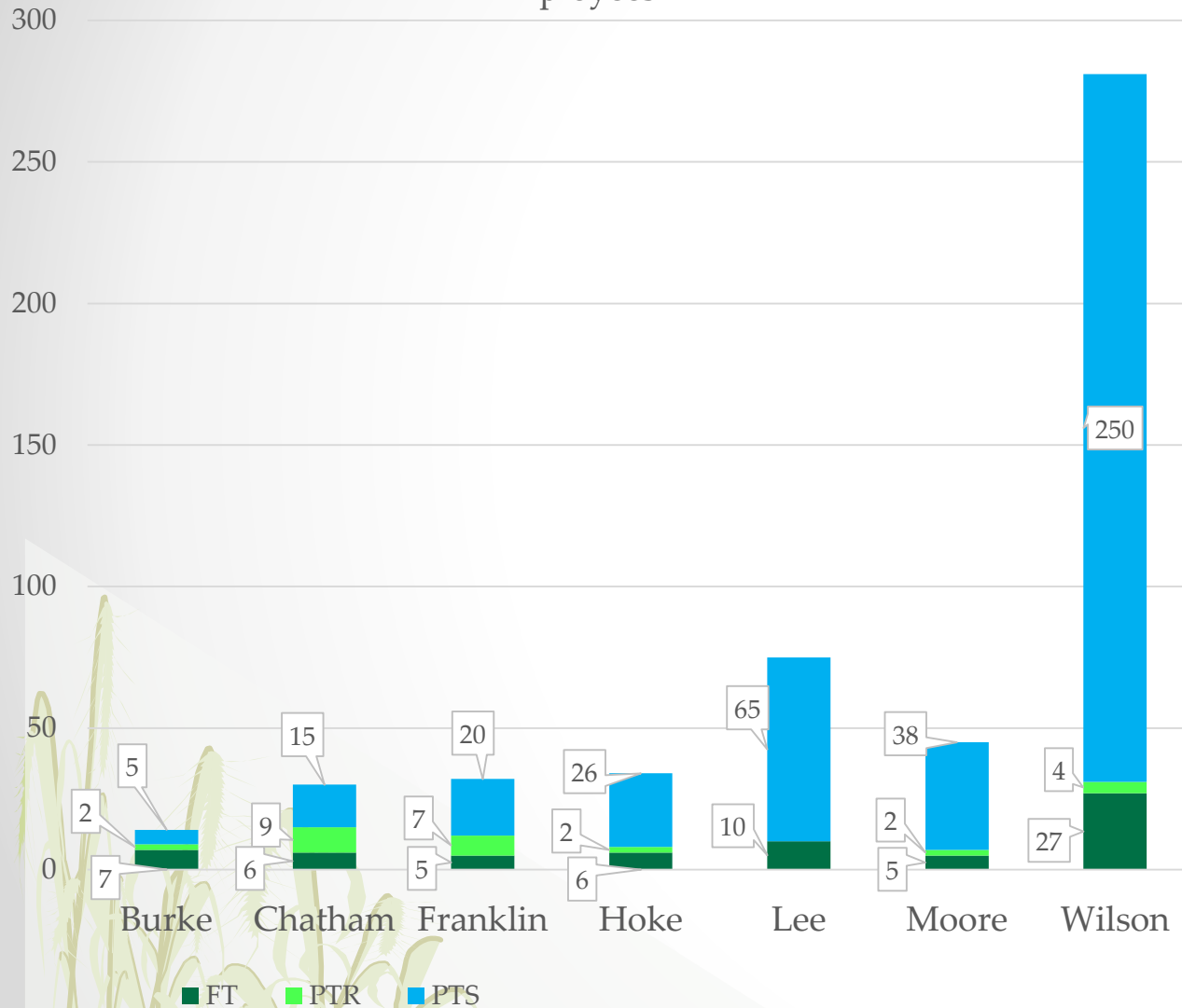
- Reinstate the Park Capital Reserve or dedicate annual funding for park improvements

CCP&R Family Fun/ Movie Nights are a blast and bring the community together. Each year a themed night is hosted at each park to market to each side of the County



Barriers & Challenges Cont.

County Populations Compared to Number & Type of Employees



FT= Full Time, PTR= Part Time Regular, PTS= Part Time Seasonal, Numbers as of FY15/16

- This graph shows the breakdown of the different number of employees by type of employee (fulltime, part time, part time seasonal).
- **Burke**, 7 FT employees, 2 regular PT, 5 seasonal PT, pop 89114
- **Chatham**, 6 FT employees, 9 regular PT, 15 seasonal PT, pop 71,815
- **Franklin**, 5 FT employees, 7 regular PT, 20 seasonal PT, pop 64,208
- **Hoke**, 5 FT employees, 2 regular PT, 26 seasonal PT, pop 51776
- **Lee**, 10 FT employees, 50-65 regular/seasonal PT, pop 58908
- **Moore**, 5 employees, 2 regular PT, 28-38 seasonal PT, pop 94492
- **Wilson**, 27 employees, 4 regular PT, 200-250 seasonal PT, pop 81689