



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve Recreation Advisory Committee recommendations to award grants to recreation.

Action Requested:

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Introduction & Background:

Four recreation agencies submitted applications for the grants to recreation agencies process. Each agency which included Bonlee Recreation Park, Sprott Youth center, Friends of State Park on behalf of Friends of Lower Haw River, and Triangle Land Conservancy presented at the Recreation Advisory committee. The amount allocated for agencies is \$20,300 and a total of \$27,695 requested. The description of their requests and the amount requested is listed below.

Bonlee Recreation Park

The agency requested funds for new roofs on the grandstand, dugouts and concession stand. They also requested funds for the field house repairs and a handicap entrance.

Requested \$7,595

Sprott Youth Center

The agency requested funds to pay for supervisory staff for open gym once per week at their youth center in Moncure.

Requested \$2,800

Friends of Lower Haw River

The agency requested funds to pay for two lockable cages, three custom signs, a new sheltered kiosk with new roof, and installation and repairs.

Requested \$12,300

Triangle Land Conservancy

The agency requested funds to pay for phase II of restoration and improvement of trails at White Pines Nature Preserve.

Requested \$5,000

Discussion & Analysis:

The Recreation Advisory committee used the score sheet and general discussion to make their recommendations.

Bonlee Recreation Park.

Score 86

Recommended \$7,595

Bonlee Recreation Park hasn't requested funding from the recreation agency process in many years. The park is located in a small community. They rely on volunteers for a lot of park construction and programming.

Ssprott Youth Center

Score 73

Recommended \$2,800

Sprott Youth Center is in a rural setting in Moncure and currently reaches a population of the county that is underserved. They are providing a service not offered in that area for youths and adults.

Friends of Lower Haw River

Score 64

Recommended \$7,405

The Friends of the Lower Haw are making improvements to all of the signs and kiosks and providing educational information to the put in sites along the Haw River in Chatham County. These put in sites are used by Chatham County residents and by citizens outside of the county as well.

Triangle Land Conservancy

Score 64

Recommended \$2,500

The committee felt that Triangle Land Conservancy has access to alternate funds and has the greatest ability to obtain money from various sources. They are more regional than the other agencies that applied.

Budgetary Impact:

\$20,300

Recommendation:

Motion to approve Recreation Advisory Committee recommendations to award grants to recreation.