

Sanford Parks Advisory Committee
Sanford City Hall - West End Conference Room
225 E Weatherspoon St, Sanford NC

May 19, 2025, 4:00pm

Meeting Minutes

The following people were present

Kelly Laudate
Bob Bridwell
Mark Lyczkowski
Chad Spivey
Crystal Williams
Carson Wilson

Non-Voting Attendees

Caroline Jeffries
Azeneth Angeles
Lisa Belk

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chad Spivey.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made.

New Business

Caroline Jeffries introduced new employee, Lisa Belk and summer intern, Azeneth Angeles.

Chad Spivey gave an update on the 421 River Property which is a 24 acre parcel in a flood plain in Cumnock. TLC has shown interest in the property, however, they don't have a maintenance department which would be needed if they used the property. Lee County doesn't have an interest in utilizing the land. The City of Sanford may be interested. The question was raised if the land might be donated. Mark Lyczkowski suggested that a good use for this land could be a campground.

Caroline Jeffries discussed that the food truck policy has been reviewed and a new policy has been established. There is an app online. The food truck parking spaces at Kiwanis Park are being relocated and a concrete pad will be added to the area for parking spots, A & B. The parking spots will be rotated amongst the food trucks so that they will not be parked in the same space each time. There have been complaints about the noise from the generators on the food trucks. The new policy will require that a muffler be installed or a quiet generator will be used on the food trucks. Food truck operators will be required to re-enroll annually.

Caroline reviewed the new rental policy for Kiwanis Family Park. Due to the number of requests for use of areas at the park, the need to have staff available for events, and to guarantee access are reasons that a rental policy has been put in place. Currently, the use of the facilities is first

come, first serve. Chad mentioned that this could be an opportunity for revenue generation. A motion was made by Mark Lyczkowski and seconded by Carson Wilson to approve the policy.

In reviewing the master plan, Caroline noted that there will be posting more regularly on social media. The goal of the Parks department will be to promote health and wellness. There are plans to have weekend activities at the Maple Avenue Park. Improvements such as picnic shelter, basketball goal, new playground equipment, and possibly a walking loop are planned for the Carr Creek Park. After the paperwork process is completed on the Walter McNeil Jr. Park, work can begin on new projects.

Administrator's Report

Caroline shared the Splash Pad opened this past weekend that there were approximately 1200 attendees. There will be extended hours this year. A new valve has been installed which will prevent interrupting the Splash Pad during the day.

There will be 16 concerts this summer from May 29-Sept. 4. Most of the artists will be from the local area.

Volunteers are being sought for the dunking booth for an upcoming event.

Chad discussed that there is a need to reach out to landowners to see if any are willing to donate land for the greenways. He said that the plan is for the engineering firm to contact landowners. He said he thinks that there should be conversations with landowners to see how they feel about the greenways and about donating land before the engineers talk with them. There are future possibilities of greenways connecting Kiwanis to downtown, connecting to schools, and possibly connecting to the Agricultural Marketplace. He said that there will be city and county meetings to coordinate what we're doing on this project. The land that Mark Lyczkowski's company owns was discussed. He has 5 years to build a greenway or he will give the 5 acres back to the City. Caroline suggested that call boxes would be useful for safety on the greenways

Old Business

Greenways, lighting on greenways

Next Meeting

July 21st, 2025 4 pm

Comments

Mark Lyczkowski mentioned that he is working with DOT on the Medical Mile.
Chad mentioned that there should be an attendance policy for committee meetings.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Crystal Williams and seconded by Mark Lyczkowski. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Spivey, Chairman

Attest:

Caroline Jeffries, Clerk