



**PARKS, TREE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**Special Meeting  
September 24, 2012  
6:00 PM**

**Members Present**

Nydia Morales  
Brian Olin  
Kim Nicholson  
Alex Rohleder  
Ed Dubisz

**Staff Present**

Joe Fivas  
Kelly Barnhardt  
Hillary Pace

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Morales called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Roger Fish, Justin King, and Roger McWhorter absent.

**Discussion items:**

Economic Development Coordinator Kelly Barnhardt began the discussion concerning the conceptual rendering for the Chestnut and Sardis community parks. Mrs. Barnhardt mentioned that the park renderings were designed by Woolpert and the renderings being presented are not 100% complete.

Mr. Fivas explained the renderings, mentioning the proposed park amenities and asked the Committee if they had any questions. Mr. Rohleder stated that the designs were good, however he had some questions about the cost of the synthetic fields. Mr. Fivas responded to the question, stating that the bids for the park will be competitive and the exact orientation of the fields will depend on the lay of the land. Mr. Fivas continued by asking the Committee to provide input on

what part of the park development should happen first. In response, Mrs. Morales stated that the Park and Greenway Master Plan should provide guidance for development. Mr. Dubisz added that he is concerned about piecemealing the parks' development and the public's point of view.

Mr. Rohleder said that he believes the public will want to know what will be built first in the parks. Mrs. Nicholson stated that the parks are a good combination of active and passive activities. Mr. Dubisz added that the sports facilities are good for the town. The Committee inquired about the estimated cost for total build out of the two parks, to which Mr. Fivas stated that the total cost will be unknown until the bid package is put out. He then added that the Town will construct as much as possible with the 8.5 million in potential bond money.

The Committee said that it is important to articulate to the public the concept of phasing regarding park construction. Mr. Dubisz reiterated that communication is key. Mrs. Morales said that she appreciated the education of the Parks Committee, so the members can communicate to the public the process.

Members inquired about the park bond, to which Mr. Fivas explained that the money for the parks exists already, but the bond money is important for public buy-in for the development of the parks. Mr. Fivas said that Carolina Courts has already been accounted for, outside of the park bond and they propose a 50,000 sq. ft. facility.

The Committee further discussed the parks' designs and mutually agreed that they were good. Mr. Fivas said that a public outreach campaign about the park concepts will reach out to local HOAs, totaling in about 16-17 meetings.

Member Rohleder motioned to recommend approval of the Chestnut and Sardis park concept designs to Council. Member Olin seconded the motion and all member voted unanimously in favor.

### **Topics for Next Meeting**

Continued park discussion.

**Motion to Adjourn** Approved

**Town of Indian Trail  
Park, Tree and Greenway Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Secretary**