



MINUTES
TOWN OF STOKESDALE
TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
8325 ANGEL PARDUE ROAD
STOKESDALE, NC 27357
AUGUST 18, 2022 AT 5:15 PM

Committee Meeting Attendance:

- Town of Stokesdale Town Park Improvement Committee members present:
 - Mr. Derek Foy
 - Mr. Jimmy Landreth
 - Mr. Thomas N. “Tee” Stephenson, Jr.
 - Mrs. Deanna Ragan
- Town of Stokesdale residents present:
 - None present
- Town of Stokesdale staff members present:
 - Mr. Robbie Lee Wagoner II, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

- The Town of Stokesdale Town Park Improvement Committee (“The Committee”) was called to order by Chairperson Tee Stephenson at 5:20pm.

2. Review and Approve Minutes from Thursday, August 04, 2022

- Derek Foy made the motion to adopt the minutes from The Committee meeting held on Thursday, August 04, 2022.
 - Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion to adopt the minutes.
 - All present members of The Committee voted in favor of the motion.
 - The motion carried

3. Review and Adopt Town Park Improvement Committee Meeting Calendar

- Tee Stephenson made a motion to approve the 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule with the caveat that Robbie Lee Wagoner II make the following amendments: Move meeting on 08/25/2022 to 08/24/2022 at 5:00pm with the purpose of meeting with Cobi Ellington, playground designer; Remove meeting on 11/24/2022 due to Thanksgiving Holiday.
 - Jimmy Landreth seconded the motion.
 - All present members of The Committee voted in favor of the motion.
 - The motion carried.

4. Old Business

- Derek Foy, Tee Stephenson, and Jimmy Landreth briefly updated Deanna Ragan on the previous committee meeting discussions.
- Derek Foy presented the 2020 Stokesdale Park Survey.

- The Committee recognized that Nature Trails are a highly desirable addition to the Town Park due to it receiving the highest number of votes on the 2020 Stokesdale Park Survey.
 - Derek Foy commented that local Boy Scout Troops could be recognized for cleaning and maintaining any nature trails that are added to the Town Park.
 - Tee Stephenson commented that Northwest Guilford High School could potentially have cross-country track meets on any nature trails that are added to the Town Park.
 - Deanna Ragan commented that local High Schools are in need of cross-country trails for meets and practices.
- All present members of The Committee were in agreeance that the addition of a Farmer's Market at the Town Park would be unnecessary due to the current success of the Farmer's Market that is being held at the Stokesdale United Methodist Church.
- Derek Foy commented that a Basketball Court at the Town Park is a need.
 - Derek Foy and Jimmy Landreth both mentioned that the placement of a basketball court near the Stokesdale Elementary School parking lot would be the most beneficial location. This location would allow students that attend Stokesdale Elementary School to utilize the basketball court.
 - Jimmy Landreth also mentioned that the Guilford County School System may not approve of this basketball court being placed close to Stokesdale Elementary School due to the potential issue of anyone from the public using the basketball court during school hours in such close proximity to the school.
- Tee Stephenson commented that the plans are in motion on the Amphitheater project at the Town Park.
 - Derek Foy agreed with Tee Stephenson and commented that he would like to focus The Committee's initial attention on the Amphitheater because he feels that it will take the longest to plan and construct.
 - Robbie Lee Wagoner II commented that solar panels should be utilized to power any lights that are installed under the amphitheater.
 - Derek Foy and Jimmy Landreth were both favorable of this idea and mentioned that Robbie Lee Wagoner II should research any potential solar panel grants for this project.
- Tee Stephenson commented that the plans are in motion on the addition of new Playground Equipment at the Town Park.
 - The Committee will be meeting with Cobie Ellington, playground designer, on 08/24/2022 at 5:00pm.
 - Derek Foy commented that he would like to see the new playground equipment be constructed near the amphitheater.
- All present members of The Committee were in agreeance that additional picnic shelters are not currently needed at the Town Park.

- Jimmy Landreth introduced the idea of allowing businesses or residents to act as sponsors by purchasing park benches to be placed around the Town Park.
- Derek Foy introduced the idea of erecting a memorial wall in close proximity to the amphitheater project at the Town Park, thus allowing sponsors of the project to make monetary donations and, in turn, their names and the names of those being remembered could be engraved into the memorial wall.
- All present members of The Committee were in agreeance that the addition of a Splash Pad would include a high maintenance cost.
- All present members of The Committee were in agreeance that any improvements or enhancements to the existing Town Park should be low maintenance.
- All present members of The Committee addressed their concerns with the Town of Stokesdale's liability insurance through the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM).
 - Derek Foy presented The Committee with the fact that the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina was recently involved in a lawsuit against the Town as a result of a child falling and becoming injured at their Town Park.
 - Derek Foy requested that Robbie Lee Wagoner II research the Town of Stokesdale's current liability insurance policy with the NCLM. More specifically, research the amount of the deductible and what is covered by the policy.
 - Tee Stephenson explained to Robbie Lee Wagoner II that he would provide assistance in this research matter due to his high level of experience with insurance policies.
- All present members of The Committee were in agreeance that the addition of a camping ground/location at the Town Park would not be a favorable decision.
- Tee Stephenson introduced the idea of incorporating a rock-climbing wall into the proposed playground equipment set.
- All present members of The Committee were in agreeance that the addition of a tennis court at the Town Park would not be a favorable decision. However, all present members of The Committee were in agreeance that the addition of a pickleball court at the Town Park would be a favorable decision.
 - Jimmy Landreth introduced the idea of adding a multi-use court with multiple painted lines on the pavement that would allow for a wide array of sports to be played on the court.
- Tee Stephenson presented the idea of focusing on the highlighted additions to the Town Park that all present members of The Committee are in favor of. This includes the: Nature Trails, Park Benches, Playground Equipment Set, Basketball Court, and Amphitheatre.

5. New Business

- Jimmy Landreth and Tee Stephenson both presented the addition of a playground equipment set that is shaped like a train.
 - All present members of The Committee were in agreeance.
- Derek Foy presented that on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 5:00pm inside the Town Hall Council Chambers, The Committee will have a very productive meeting with Cobie Ellington to discuss their vision of a suitable playground equipment set for the Town Park.

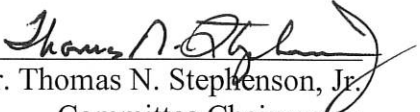
6. Citizen's Comments from the Floor

- There were no citizen's comments from the floor.

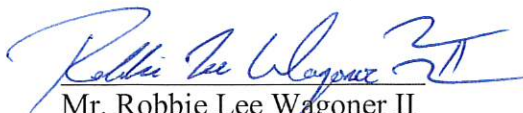
7. Adjournment

- Tee Stephenson made the motion to adjourn at 6:13 PM.
 - Derek Foy seconded the motion to adjourn.
 - All present members of The Committee voted in favor of the motion.
 - Being no further business to come before The Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Approved: Thursday, October 20, 2022


Mr. Thomas N. Stephenson, Jr.
Committee Chairperson

ATTEST:


Mr. Robbie Lee Wagoner II
Deputy Town Clerk