

Minutes
Northampton County Planning Commission
Work Session
July 15, 2015
16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, VA
7:00p.m., 2nd Floor Administration Conference Room

Those present – Dixon Leatherbury, Jacqueline Chatmon, Mark Freeze, Kay Downing, Michael Ward and Sylvia Stanley

Also in attendance were Peter Stith, Long Range Planner and Nyoka Hall, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted

Comprehensive Plan Review

The Commission reviewed the language submitted by Dave Kabler at the July 7th, 2015 public hearing for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan and the language was inserted in section 7.13.1 Indian Town Park and goal section 6.7 of the goals as follows:

7.13 Parks & Recreation

7.13.1 Indiantown Park

This 52-acre area is the headquarters for the Northampton County Parks and Recreation Department. There is a full-time director, several part-time personnel, basketball **softball and disc golf league officials, fitness league officials,** aerobic and gymnastic instructors, and a summer play camp director and aides. The Park has a picnic shelter, a soccer field, a playground, a **lighted** softball field, a 36-hole disc golf course, and a two-mile nature trail. A recreation building houses the Department offices,

restrooms, and a large multi-purpose room available to civic, church, and county organizations, as well as to individuals for a small fee. The Park was recently renovated with building upgrades, new stone parking area, playground equipment, new lighting for the softball field, signage and landscaping. The Department offers a wide variety of activities: basketball, tennis, softball, soccer, flag football, volleyball, gymnastics, and aerobics. By utilizing facilities at several public schools as well as those at Indiantown Park, leagues are organized on a year-round basis. Various recreation programs are offered: summer play camp, runs, disc golf tournaments, children's parties for Christmas, Halloween, and Easter; food, toy, and clothes drives; and planned bus trips off the Shore.



Indiantown Park, Eastville

A small fee is charged for many of the programs. For FY15, the County allocated \$185,438 for Parks and Recreation.

There is an Advisory Board appointed by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors that meets monthly for hearing public comment and planning for the future of recreation and parks in the County. A private, non-profit foundation called Friends of Northampton County Parks and Recreation was founded in 2014 that consist of a volunteer Board of Directors, meeting monthly, with the mission of fundraising for improving the parks and recreation facilities for Northampton County. Their immediate goal is to establish a public aquatics facility for swimming instruction and recreation.

Part I Community Facilities 7 Services:

GOAL 6.7: Provide recreational opportunities that will serve all segments of the Northampton County citizenry and visitors while preserving open spaces.

| | Responsible Agencies | Stakeholders | Timeframe |
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| Implementation Strategies: | | | |
| 6.7.1 Promote safe and appropriate use of waterways including dredging & navigation aids for channels and harbors. | BOS | Citizens | 1-2 Years |
| 6.7.2 Consider the development of policies that encourage landowners to create easements for public hiking, riding trails and beach access. | BOS, PC, Staff | Citizens | 1 year |
| 6.7.3 Support development and use of the former Middle School grounds and facilities for inclusion in the County Parks and Recreation system. | BOS, PC, Parks & Rec Board | Citizens | 1 -2 years |
| 6.7.4 Support efforts to promote additional recreational activities including swimming instruction and practice. | BOS, PC, Parks & Rec Board, Friends of NHCO P & Rec | Citizens | 1-3 years |

Agritourism Language

The Commission reviewed the proposed Agritourism language and the commentary received from legal. Legal had concerns regarding some sections of the text being either too specific or too specific and possibly impossible to enforce. The Commission discussed and amended the text.

Peter provided a brief update of the application submitted for the August 4th, 2015 public hearing. Informing the Commission that Angelo Manuel/Kiptopeke Villas, LLC has applied to operate 200 square feet of retail space inside the proposed restaurant in addition to a locating two food truck/trailer vehicles on site prior to construction of the restaurant to capture the remainder of the tourist season. After the restaurant is constructed only one vehicle will remain.

With no further business a motion was made by Commissioner Freeze to recess until August 4, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatmon and carried with all in favor (6-0).

Chairman

Secretary