

The Effingham County Board of Commissioners
Recreation Master Plan Workshop

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wendall Kessler Chairman, Mr. Phil Kieffer, Vice Chairman, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mrs. Vera Jones, Mr. Reginald Loper met in a workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in the Large Conference Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Toss Allen, Interim County Administrator, Mr. Adam Kobek, Community Relations Director, Mr. Clarence Morgan, Recreation Director, Mr. Charles Dixon, Mr. Roy Branson, Mr. Robert Hunter, Mr. Douglas Kirkland, Mr. Roy Griffin, Mr. Leroy Lloyd, Mrs. Rachel Lloyd, G.G. Rigsby, Mr. Franklin Goldwire, Mrs. Nina Dasher, Mr. King Evans, Mrs. Arwen Otwell, Mr. Patrick Graham, Mr. M. Donaldson, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Patrick Donahue.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kessler called the workshop to order.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Patrick Graham, with CHA Sports presented the plan for drafting the Effingham County Recreation Master Plan which included: the presentation agenda, master plan process, status of the inventory and needs assessment, a recap of park facilities, inventory summary, development standards, usage, public involvement, summary of responses to questionnaire, and preliminary

recommendations. Mr. Graham requested comments on the preliminary recommendations and input from the workshop participants

The group discussed various options including:

- Parking Concerns
- New Facility needs to properly consider and plan for proper operations and on-going maintenance
- New Facility needs to be centrally located
- The Master Plan is needed for future planning, funding considerations and SPLOST
- The need for a Community Center to hold meetings and public gatherings
- The Springfield Recreation Complex needs to remain open and needs basic improvements for continued use, even after a new facility is open for practice and some games.
- Potential sites were discussed

The Recreation Board requested that the new facility start with 5 new ball diamonds, 1 soccer field, and 1 football field, with all support structures, with room to double these facilities to 10 ball diamonds, 2 soccer fields, 2 football fields. ADA Playgrounds are needed now and at various locations.


The Recreation Board is going to meet with CHA representatives on September 29, 2014 to further define the current needs to spruce up the Sand Hill and Springfield Recreation Complex, and further refine needs and desires for a new centralized facility.

The county is going to be working on property considerations and available funding.

CHA will plan on presenting its draft Recreation Master Plan on October 21, 2014; Mr. Phil Kieffer requested that the meeting be well advertised so that the public can provide input to the draft plan before finalization.

ADJOURNMENT

The workshop adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Wendall Kessler, Chairman

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Stephanie Johnson, County Clerk