

**Matthews Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resource Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes
6:30pm, Matthews Community Center**

Committee Members Present: Howard Labiner, Harvey Boyd, Ryan Maclatchie, Debbie Chopas,
Susan Chambers, Scott Rossmeisl

Absent: Dawn Reid, Sandi Lee, John Gatlin

Staff Members Present: Corey King, Scott Rawls, Michelle Santucci

Guests Present: Mark Savano (sp), Several Members of Butler HS Civics Class

- **Call to Order**
 - Meeting called to order at 6:30pm
- **Roll Call**
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- **Public Comment**
 - No public Comment
- **Advisory Committee Vacant Member Information**
 - All three Advisory Committee Candidates have met with the town board and have been approved.
- **Division Reports**
 - The veterans sculpture Ceremony/un veiling will be on Memorial day May 27th.
 - Corey asks that the Mission Statement discussion be postponed until another meeting so everyone has more time to prepare for the discussion.
- **Director's Report**
 - Heritage Trail - Still have the budget to begin, however HUD and Char-Meck has suggested getting new bids on the project.
 - The Outen Kiln site will be put in the budget for FY 21.
 - Stevens Park Nature Preserve - They are working on a way to best connect the area with walking trails and how to get across Idlewilde Road. A committee has been made to figure this out and Susan Chambers and Howie Boyd have agreed to be a part of that committee to represent the Parks and Recreation Advisory board.
 - Purser-Hulsey Park – Lumber was delivered to make a boardwalk through the swampy section of the greenway. There is funding for the Hwy 51 side of the park. This would include adding a parking lot and a dog park.
 - “Erickson Property” – The town board would like to see plans that are within the 1M dollar range. This would make it a more passive park.

- **Old Business**

- The park on Rice Road has been named Rice Park. The Town Board made the decision and a sign is in the process of being made and will take about 3 months.
- Wall Poems – The Committee looked at the revised version of the Wall Poem that included more plants to fill the space. There were 2 tropical plants and the Committee would like the tropical plants to be replaced with native North Carolina plants, but keep the same layout.
- Greenway Connectivity - The focus of the 5 year plan is on new trails, rather than new access points to current trails.

- **New Business**

- Mobility Survey-A mobility survey is available to complete. They want to make this side of Trade Street feel more connected to the rest of downtown. And how to make it safe for pedestrians and bikers.
- ADA-An investigation has begun to make a transition plan to make the town, Community Center, Art Center, and the parks ADA compliant. This may include fixing the grade of the sidewalks and signage.
- Motion to hold the next meeting at Crews Recreation Center, Second and passed. Next meeting will be held at Crews Recreation Center. The location will be changed on the town website calendar.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm