

Minutes
Health & Environmental Protection Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
6:00pm

The York County Health & Environmental Protection Committee met on the above date for a Health & Environmental Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in the small conference room at 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Council member Tom Audette, Council member William “Bump” Roddey, and Council member Watts Huckabee. Also present were Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore and County Attorney, Michael Kendree. Parks and Recreation Director, Katherine Jones also attended.

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Watts Huckabee.

Council member Tom Audette provided the invocation

Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Watts Huckabee to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2023 Health and Environmental Protection Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

Chairman Huckabee explained that at the last meeting staff was asked to build an RFP proposal and provide feedback to the Committee.

Katherine Jones, Parks and Recreation Director explained the following:

The outcome of this process is a report and plan that details both large and small-scale projects, priorities, and other recommendations that York County should pursue and invest in order to meet the needs of citizens moving forward.

- Conduct a process to develop a purpose statement (mission, values, and goals) and operational philosophy for York County Parks and Recreation Department including County Council, County Management and Parks and Recreation Director.
- Conduct a scientifically valid survey, analysis, focus groups, background research to determine the following:
 - Determine public opinion about parks and recreation service needs in York County;
 - Determine potential partners and roles partners play in the provision of parks and recreation programs, services and facilities;
 - Determine how public opinion align with program, service and facility needs and trends based on current and future demand;
 - Determine the public’s willingness to pay fees for programs, services and facilities;
 - Determine operational needs that may assist York County in streamlining processes, improving communications, and conducting business in a more efficient, effective manner;
 - Provide recommendations on funding options both for capital and operation needs taking into consideration there are two special recreation tax districts in York

County and a Recreation Tax for all of unincorporated residents with funds being disbursed to all municipalities annually;

- Provide recommendations regarding the provision of parks and recreation programs, facilities, and services for the next five to seven years.

Ms. Jones also provided a map of all county parks and a synopsis of County parks to include, acreage, status, special tax district, county owned or leased, amenities and fees charged.

Motion was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member William “Bump” Roddey to recommend that full Council consider hiring a consultant. Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Committee member Tom Audette and seconded by Committee member William “Bump” Roddey. Motion Carried.