

TOWN OF STOKESDALE
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STOKESDALE, NORTH CAROLINA

The Stokesdale Town Council held a Park Workshop at the Town Hall at 8416 US Highway 158 on July10, 2007.

Sixteen people attended the meeting including four Council members.

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. Council member Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem John Flynt arrived while the meeting was in progress.

Others present included, Philip Fieler, Stewart – Cooper - Newell Architects; Vicki Lawrence, and Carolyn Joyner, Town Clerk.

Mr. Richardson opened the meeting and noted that the discussion for the evening would be limited to the park portion of the Town property and would not include any discussion of the Town Hall building.

Mr. Richardson turned the meeting over to Mr. Fieler. He indicated that a similar workshop had been held about two weeks ago. The goal is to bring citizens together and to hear ideas about what everyone would like to see in the Park. It is Council's goal to meet the needs of the citizens. He noted that the Town property is located on Angel Pardue Road and is adjacent to Stokesdale Elementary School. He indicated that the plans showed placeholders for some possible activities and to show some scale of the property. The property contains about 25 acres with space for lots of activities.

Mr. Fieler invited those present to express their ideas for things they would like to see placed on the property. As ideas were expressed, Mr. Fieler would list them on a chart and then those present would have the opportunity to help rank them to help determine which items have a higher priority and may be constructed in the first phase of building.

One citizen asked about the topography of the rear portion of the property. Mr. Fieler said that it did become fairly steep and it will probably remain wooded. He said that it had been suggested that there could possibly be some camping areas and nature trails on this part of the property.

Another asked if animals would be allowed at the park. Concerns were expressed over having animals that are not on leashes in the Park.

Clay Walker with the Stokesdale Youth Football Association (SYFA) expressed a need for multi-purpose fields that could be used for soccer and football. He indicated that about 60 children had signed up to play football this year. The combined total of the Stokesdale Parks and Recreation and the SYFA would be over 300 children.

As discussion continued, Mr. Fieler recorded the suggestions made by the group for the activities or things they would like to see in the park. Participates were given sticky notes to place beside the activities listed to cast their votes for what they felt were the most important to include in the park. The following chart shows the results.

Basketball	3
Multi-use fields (Soccer, Football)/Bleachers	14
Lights for Fields	7
Pool Outdoor	
Walking Path	4
Fitness Stations	3
Concession Stand	3
Maintenance Building	
Playground Equipment – All Ages	4
Educational Events	1
Ropes Course	1
Rock Climbing	1
Camp Area/Nature Area	
Picnic Shelter	4
Indoor Pool	2
Tennis Courts	2
Benches/Seating	
Horse Shoes	1
Gathering Area (Amphitheater, Band Shell)	3
Skate Park	
Splash Area	1
Disc Golf	2
Putting Green	
Volleyball/Badminton	

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Carolyn L. Joyner, Town Clerk

Approved:

Randle L. Jones, Mayor