

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting of the Parks Commission  
City of Chattahoochee Hills  
May 9, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order** – Determination of Quorum

*Diana Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Diana Wilson, Kay Long, Laurie Searle, Tom Blum, and Roland Alston. All members were present. A quorum was represented. Also present was Public Works and Parks Manager Darold Wendlandt.*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Wilson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**Public Comments**

*None*

**Approval of Agenda**

*Wilson requested that the agenda be amended to add “2015 RTP Grant Update” as item number 4 under Items for Discussion. Blum made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Searle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes  
*Alston made a motion to approve the April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Presentation**

*None*

**Items for Discussion**

1. Beavers Event Report- Laurie Searle  
*Searle reported that the event went well. There were about 300 attendees. Total expenses were \$2,500 and were paid with Hotel Motel Tax funds. \$1,000 in donations was taken in by the Chatt Hills History Club and distributed to the Campbellton Baptist Church, Cochran Mill Nature Center, Community Brickworks, Old Campbell County Historical Society, and Cedar Grove Community Musicians . There were 65 Community Input Surveys returned. Searle gave the highlights of the survey. Survey results are available in the “Ghost of Chatt Hills” report prepared by Searle.*

2. Security for new park – Laurie Searle  
*Searle said she would like to see more security for the Beavers House. She asked if some sort of security system should be the next step. Other possibilities discussed were signs, gates, and posts. City Manager Robert Rokovitz said he does not want to prevent people from being able to use the park, so the best answer may be more police presence. After more discussion, Commission members decided generic “Park Closes as Dusk” signs would be a good start. Alston will design a basic sign and send it to Wendlandt to order.*
3. Chatt Hills Adopt A Road Program Tom Blum  
*Blum reported that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Adopt A Road program has been suspended. He said that there are advantages to being part of the GDOT program but there are also several restrictions and regulations that may make it difficult. Many other cities have their own program, and he suggested that the city do their own. Wendlandt said the Commission first needs to develop guidelines for a program so it can be presented to the City Council.*
4. 2015 RTP Grant update – Diana Wilson  
*Wilson reported that flagging was done for a new section of trail that connects the red trail to the green trail at Cochran Mill Road. The trail needed to be flagged because it is in part of the area that is included in the archeological study, which should start this week. Searle questioned whether the trail was necessary. Wilson said it would add a crosswalk at the road at that location.*
5. Georgia Trail Summit Report – Diana Wilson  
*Wilson encouraged everyone to attend the Georgia Trail Summit next year. She said there were amazing speakers and gave an overview. Wilson said she was flattered to be asked to make a presentation at the summit. Her presentation was a summary of what has been done in Cochran Mill Park in the last 4 ½ years. Wilson then showed her presentation.*

### **Items for Consideration**

*None*

### **Commission Member Comments / Suggestions**

*Searle said there has been talk of taking a tour of the Chattahoochee River to look at the route and some of the boat ramps along the river. She asked Wendlandt if he knew of anyone with a motorboat. There was concern that the river may be too rocky. Searle also mentioned using the boat ramp at Moore’s Bridge as a model and will look into it further.*

*Blum said he had participated in the trail building classes several years ago. He initially was skeptical of the sustainable trail guidelines. He compared the trails at*

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*Serenbe to the trails at Cochran Mill Park and said he now understands the importance of maintaining the 8-degree grade when building trails that will last.*

**Staff Reports**

1. Parking Fee Update – Dana Wicher  
*Wicher reported there have been 314 resident and 301 non-resident decals distributed to date. Total revenue since the last meeting is \$2,619 and expenditures are \$1,475.15. Total revenue for the fiscal year is \$50,793 and expenditures are \$9,058.65. Total available funds are \$41,734.35.*
  
2. Darold Wendlandt  
*Wendlandt said he had nothing outstanding to report*

*Long left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.*

**Adjournment**

*Alston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Blum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.**

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**Diana Wilson, Chair**

**Attest:**

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**Dana Wicher, City Clerk  
(Seal)**