

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 19, 2010

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse on Main Street, Hendersonville.

Those present were: Chairman Bill Moyer, Vice-Chairman Mark Williams, Commissioner Larry Young, Commissioner Charlie Messer, Commissioner Chuck McGrady, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey, County Attorney Russ Burrell, and Clerk to the Teresa L. Wilson.

Also present were: Engineer Marcus Jones, Finance Director Carey McLelland, Construction Manager David Berry, Research/Budget Analyst Amy Brantley, Recreation Director Tim Hopkin, and PIO Christy DeStefano.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the special called meeting is a workshop for Maintenance of Effort Fund Allocations and Parks and Recreation Maintenance Projects.

Commissioner Young made the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – FY 2010-2011

County Manager Steve Wyatt explained the State of North Carolina reformed mental health approximately 6 years ago requiring each county to continue budgeting at the same level of funding for that year. Henderson County is one of the largest per capita funders of the mental health effort in North Carolina.

Mr. Wyatt believes Henderson County is number 1 of the 8 counties served by what the State has designated an LME (Local Management Entity) for mental health. Annually staff takes applications, holds discussion, and then a decision making process begins. This year is not unlike other years, when you look at the information provided, you can see that application funding requests are more than the allocated budget amount.

\$528,612 is mandated for allocation for the provision of mental health services. Applications for funding have been received from the following:

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>REQUESTED FUNDING</u>
Blue Ridge Community Health	\$114,500
Families Together Inc.	\$143,000
The Free Clinics – Pharmacology	\$80,000
The Free Clinics – Psychiatric Counseling	\$45,000
The Healing Place	\$25,000
Health Department	\$42,500
Parkway Behavioral Health	\$18,000
Sixth Avenue Psychiatric Services	\$265,000
Vocational Solutions	\$30,000
TOTAL REQUESTS	\$763,000

Application received after the April 9, 2010 deadline (Note: Mainstay has not met FY10 MOE reporting deadlines)

Mainstay	\$25,000
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Chairman Moyer pointed out that Mr. Wyatt is the LME representative for Henderson County and spends

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more time on mental health associated efforts that almost any other area. Steve Wyatt stated discussion has been held in regards to the value of each of the entities. Staff has never had a conversation that was negative about the contributions and needs of each entity however there is a \$234,388.00 shortfall of funding. The fiscal year covered is July 1 – June 30.

MOE Funding Options – Option 1

The Board can continue the practice of funding a percentage of the request based on total requests vs. available funding (69.3%)

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>REQUESTED FUNDING</u>	<u>OPTION 1 FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>FY 2009-2010 FUNDING</u>
Blue Ridge Community Health	\$114,500	\$79,326	\$43,167
Families Together Inc.	\$143,000	\$99,072	\$107,823
The Free Clinics – Pharmacology	\$80,000	\$55,425	\$60,321
The Free Clinics – Psychiatric Counseling	\$45,000	\$31,176	\$33,930
The Healing Place	\$25,000	\$17,320	\$0
Health Department	\$42,500	\$29,444	\$28,517
Parkway Behavioral Health	\$18,000	\$12,471	\$13,572
Sixth Avenue Psychiatric Services	\$265,000	\$183,594	\$199,812
Vocational Solutions	\$30,000	\$20,784	\$22,620
TOTAL REQUESTS	\$763,000	\$528,612	
DIFFERENCE		\$234,388	

Mr. Wyatt recognizes there may be other issues the Board feels may supersede or may be of a higher priority at this time.

MOE Funding Options – Option 2

The Board can prioritize the services being provided, and determine the level of funding.

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>REQUESTED FUNDING</u>	<u>OPTION 2 FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>FY 2009-2010 FUNDING</u>
Blue Ridge Community Health	\$114,500		\$43,167
Families Together Inc.	\$143,000		\$107,823
The Free Clinics – Pharmacology	\$80,000		\$60,321
The Free Clinics – Psychiatric Counseling	\$45,000		\$33,930
The Healing Place	\$25,000		\$0
Health Department	\$42,500		\$28,517
Parkway Behavioral Health	\$18,000		\$13,572
Sixth Avenue Psychiatric Services	\$265,000		\$199,812
Vocational Solutions	\$30,000		\$22,620
TOTAL REQUESTS	\$763,000	\$528,612	

The Board has time to pursue any of these options or others as the law dictates that the MOE funds must be expended within the fiscal year that it is budgeted. However the LME does have the ability, and Henderson County has done this, to carry over your amount as an LME Fund Balance with a "gentleman's agreement" among the counties that if a county does not allocate all of its money within that year it can be used when a priority comes up. A review board similar to the Alliance was discussed where a screening process is completed by that board.

MOE Funding Options – Option3

The County could develop a screening process similar to the former Alliance for Human Services for recommendations.

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>REQUESTED FUNDING</u>	<u>OPTION3 FUNDING LEVEL</u>	<u>FY 2009-2010 FUNDING</u>
Blue Ridge Community Health	\$114,500		\$43,167

Families Together Inc.	\$143,000		\$107,823
The Free Clinics – Pharmacology	\$80,000		\$60,321
The Free Clinics – Psychiatric Counseling	\$45,000		\$33,930
The Healing Place	\$25,000		\$0
Health Department	\$42,500		\$28,517
Parkway Behavioral Health	\$18,000		\$13,572
Sixth Avenue Psychiatric Services	\$265,000		\$199,812
Vocational Solutions	\$30,000		\$22,620
TOTAL REQUESTS	\$763,000	\$528,612	

Mr. Wyatt stated staff has attempted to carve out a little bit of funding to hold in reserve for that unforeseen issue that is certain to come up at some point and time and give the Board the ability to respond and assist.

Commissioner Messer questioned why the Mainstay application was late.

Ms. Missy Black, the Mainstay director of client services, was unaware their application was late. They have had issues with their application in reporting due to an email error. Ms. Black stated they were only funded for 8 months the prior year.

Amy Brantley explained the 8 month period referred to is due to the cycle of MOE funding being changed last year from the typical November 1st through October 31 cycle to the new cycle of July 1 through June 30 matching the County's fiscal year to make all of the reporting requirements easier. She noted Mainstay received \$18,850 the prior year.

Commissioner Messer felt this was one of the hardest decisions to make. In the past we have had emergency situations and the Board needs to keep at least \$50,000 to \$75,000 in reserves.

Commissioner McGrady had gone through all of the applications and ended up with many questions. He asked if all of the providers are billing insurance or other revenue streams prior Henderson County funding. He realizes with entities such as Families Together there are no third party revenues streams available. Commissioner McGrady is interested in knowing whether the service being proposed is for some targeted mental health population or some priority mental health service population. If we do not fund the program, we may possibly end up funding it in other ways as those individuals would fall back to public funding. Each application contains outcomes suggested and sometimes those outcomes were easy to discern and in other cases it was simply to serve a certain number of people. He was not comfortable with what was being funded. With respect to the proposal put forward by the manager, he was not in disagreement. In recent years he noted Henderson County has funded a substantial portion of the budget of the 6th Avenue Psychiatric Services and by all accounts 6th Avenue does a very good job. But, when we started funding 6th Avenue it was with the understanding that there would be a development of a business plan and at some point they would become more self sufficient. Commissioner McGrady's concern with this application is simply the amount which eats up 40% of the total funds and while 6th Avenue is not a county agency is fairly quickly becoming one because of the monies coming from the county are a huge percentage of 6th Avenue's total budget.

Commissioner Williams agreed this is a challenge as they are all legitimate needs.

Commissioner Young agreed that 6th Avenue Clubhouse is fast becoming a county entity. Henderson County bought the Clubhouse and did the upgrades on it and we must support it. The Clubhouse does need to look at funding from other places.

Commissioner Messer felt the main thing to consider was how much money would be put in reserves and how much would be spent.

Steve Wyatt stated cash flow is a huge problem for the 6th Avenue Clubhouse.

Chairman Moyer stated the Board does have options but he suggested setting up something similar to the Alliance. If the decision is put off too long the entities will have a quarter or more where they have no funding, and emergency requests will begin to come in. He felt the Board should work through the list and make recommendations using the recommendations staff has put forward. The starting point would be to determine how much of a reserve is necessary. Mr. Moyer stated the Board further needed to determine if Mainstay would be allowed in since their application was late. Since there are still outstanding questions and the Board needs additional time to look at the applications, the Board would make every effort to complete the process in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner McGrady felt the reserve should be in the range of \$50,000 - \$75,000 range.

Commissioners' Williams had worked up numbers in the 8% range putting around \$45,000 in reserve.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold \$45,000 in reserve leaving \$483,612 in MOE Funding to allocate.

Commissioner McGrady was not so much concerned that Mainstay's application came in late but the note that Mainstay had not met the fiscal year 2010 reporting deadline.

Amy Brantley noted since the packets were distributed, Mainstay's annual report had arrived. It was due on the 6th of August and received on the 17th.

Chairman Moyer suggested leaving Mainstay on the list and each Commissioner gives weight to the lateness in determining what their amount should be. The Board will work with the figure of \$483,612 leaving Mainstay on the list with everyone taking into consideration the special circumstances. A meeting will be held in the relatively near future and each Commissioner can share their thoughts on what they feel is appropriate funding. Chairman Moyer asked, in the interim, that each Board member present their questions to Amy in order for her to contact the agency and get answers prior to the meeting. The goal is to have this item completed by the second meeting in September.

PARKS AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey provided the Board with a timeline. There has been a lot of discussion about recreation capital projects as well as maintenance and repair projects.

Parks & Recreation Director Tim Hopkin shared the following information:

On January 4, 2010 representatives from Edneyville Community Park, Henderson County Soccer Association, and CMLC presented projects to the Board. At which time the Board of Commissioners directed the Recreation Advisory Board to discuss and rank these 3 projects, as well as any other major projects such as maintenance projects.

On January 12, 2010 the Recreation Advisory Board Chair sent a memo which prioritized soccer as #1, maintenance and repair projects as #2, and an additional funding for the Edneyville Community Center as #3.

- Note – the Recreation Advisory Committee's prioritization of soccer as the first priority did not necessarily mean they were endorsing the Soccer Association's soccer complex project.
- The Advisory Board endorsed the (Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy) CMLC PARTF grant because there were not matching county dollars, but did not rank this project among the top three for county funding.
- The Edneyville Community Center PARTF grant had not been closed out but they were seeking additional funds for future use.

On April 21, 2010 at the direction of the Board, because maintenance was the 2nd priority of the Recreation Advisory Board, staff provided an extensive presentation showing parks maintenance projects for all parks, with projects totaling \$1,753,200.

On May 20, 2010 with the Budget Message presented on this date, staff provided an additional overview of the parks maintenance projects totaling \$1,753,200.

On June 1, 2010 during a special called budget workshop, Board approved a motion to designate \$750,000 of the capital reserve balance to cut into the list and look at priorities at a work session after the budget adoption.

Chairman Moyer inquired about the East Flat Rock project.

Tim Hopkin stated it has never been formally presented it to the Recreation Advisory Board. They were present for the public input session of the budget meeting.

Selena Coffey noted the public input (verbal request) at the budget public hearing was the only request to staff level as well as the Recreation Advisory Board. At the beginning of the conversation at the public hearing Mr. King initially requested a \$50,000 match to some funds they had. As he continued to discuss that project there were other additional projects that they were wanting to do. She was unsure if a formal proposal had been presented for use of the funds. Talk has been very general with nothing specific.

Commissioner Messer remembered the project was for a handicapped accessible playground and East Flat Rock was asking for \$50,000 to match the \$50,000 they have. He understood East Flat Rock could not spend the existing \$50,000 without the \$50,000 match.

Chairman Moyer felt that somewhere along the line the East Flat Rock Park Project was put on the table but not in a formal fashion.

Selena Coffey stated at the June 1st public hearing Mr. Ralph King talked about the East Flat Rock Project. She is not suggesting that staff has not heard about the project, only that a formal presentation has not been received to go before the Recreation Advisory Board or the Board of Commissioners in order to prioritize it. We did hear about it at the June 1st meeting obviously. Ms. Coffey has heard general terms as Commissioner Messer was saying but nothing formal that would give staff a suggested match for it or what it is matching. She questioned if it was a grant from a non-profit association or what is the county matching. What type of responsibility is incurred with the match, what type of liability is incurred? For instance if it is a grant similar to the CMLC APARTF grant there are certain regulations and guidelines that must be followed.

Chairman Moyer felt it was now on the table and if the Board of Commissioners want to get back into it that can happen at a later time.

Tim Hopkins stated at the direction of the Board of Commissioners, \$750,000 was allocated within the Fiscal Year 2011 budget for Park Maintenance Projects. Staff provided the following recommendations based on the original Project List.

- First Priority Project

Jackson Park: Drainage, Road and Wall Repairs

Cost: \$600,000 to \$998,000

Scope:

- Design of all Jackson Park Repairs
- Repair and Resurfacing of Roads and Parking
- Drainage Improvements
- Repair of Retaining Wall

- Projects 1-A through H and 2-A from original list
- Significant Savings from combining road and drainage
- Design will allow project to be phased per budget
- Design will develop repair options

Commissioner Williams verified that the numbers \$600,000 to \$998,000 did not mean a reduction of project for the low end (\$600,000), but an anticipation that cost might potentially be at the \$600,000 level.

Mr. Hopkin stated when the budget presentations were made it was very hard to determine exactly the cost because they were not looking at anything specific other than this section of road and generally how much would it cost. The engineer and project manager using the information presented came up with this range. By combining the entire project, the design and the amount of construction taking place, they feel it is possible to reduce the cost.

Engineer Marcus Jones stated initially the projects were reported as a very conservative worst case scenario budget. This presentation changes the strategy of reporting the estimate of cost to give the Board more of a range of where staff feels it might fit. Without the design it is hard to determine.

Steve Wyatt explained we are familiar with what the problems are but are not sure of the fixes.

Construction Manager David Berry reiterated the \$600,000 to \$998,000 is a wide range. The \$998,000 is a conservative number that was obtained by Wil Buie with Lapsley Engineering taking a broad look at the projects. Based on other bids and different things the County has been doing since the economic downturn, prices have been running in the 65 – 70% of what we would have paid 1.5 years ago. There are significant savings too that might be obtained if we are allowed to do the design work for all of these repairs then it opens up other options; grouping projects and phasing into 1 big project. Like most facilities Jackson Park has been built over a number of years without taking into consideration what the water over here would do to this part and that part etc. It is critical that you go in with a full design of what the whole park needs whether you do it all or not at this point and time.

Marcus Jones stated the project can be designed to incorporate the budget.

The design phase will probably take sixty days and Mr. Berry anticipates this work to be done next spring.

- Second Priority Project

Stoney Mountain: Roof Replacement

Cost: \$50,000

Scope:

- Replace and Repair existing roof

- Third Priority Project

Stoney Mountain: Road Repair

Cost: \$50,000

Scope:

- Design, Permit, Drainage Improvements and Pave
- Cost Saving by Timing with Solid Waste Projects

Chairman Moyer questioned if the \$50,000 was a high figure or low figure.

Mr. Jones explained the scope of this project is a lot easier to get around and the estimate will be fairly close.

Chairman Moyer asked if there was any backup or just an estimate by the engineer. He felt some of the cost

look for high for the work.

Mr. Jones responded it not just pavement at Stoney Mountain but also some drainage structures that need to be added. Part of the problem of not being able to maintain the road is that the road is actually the drainage structure.

Commissioner Young questioned the cost of the roof.

Mr. Jones responded it is not just for roof repair, it is for structural repairs as well. This is also replacing the roof with a metal roof.

Commissioner Williams questioned what type of events were taking place at the Stoney Mountain facility.

Mr. Hopkins responded youth ballet classes, adult tap classes, square dancing, amateur radio, Tae kwon-Do, arts classes, scrap booking classes, health and wellness presentation, special day camp in summer, music lessons, Tai Chi, senior game presentations and activities, etc.

Chairman Moyer was under the impression that the Board gave approval for major roadwork to improve the entrance into the transfer station and if this is only the little curve into the center he felt it was already budgeted.

Mr. Jones explained the capital improvements at the transfer station are part of the solid waste enterprise fund and this would be a separate from the solid waste so the funding would be separate.

Chairman Moyer felt the additional lane going into the transfer station would be the same entrance that would serve this building.

Mr. Jones explained that the Stoney Mountain Activity Center would keep its existing entrance which is separate from transfer station. The existing entrance to the scales would be closed and the new entrance would be further away.

- Fourth Priority Project

Jackson Park: Nature Trail Repair

Cost: \$15,000

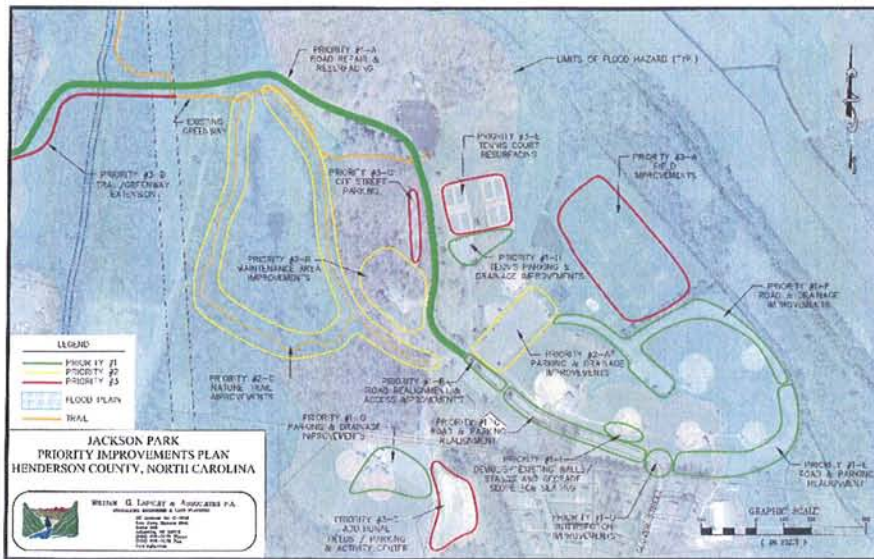
Scope:

- Drainage and Pavement Repair

Summary

Priority	Park	Project	Low Estimate	High Estimate
1	JP	Design, Road and Drainage Repairs	\$600,000	\$998,000
2	SM	Roof Replacement	\$50,000	\$50,000
3	SM	Road Drainage and Pavement	\$50,000	\$50,000
4	JP	Nature Trail Repairs	\$15,000	\$15,000
			\$715,000	\$1,113,000

Jackson Park



Jackson Park Projects – Priority 1

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
1-A	Road Repair & Resurfacing - From 4th Avenue entrance past office Road in this area will require some full depth patching and resurfacing	\$120,000
1-B	Road Realignment & Access Improvements Road alignment and parking access may be improved to provide more efficient traffic flow and improve pedestrian safety	\$85,000
1-C	Road/Parking Realignment - From main parking area to Glover Street entrance Road and parking may be realignment to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety	\$175,000
1-D	Intersection Improvements - Glover Street entrance Intersection improvements at the entrance to the park	\$35,000
1-E	Road/Parking Realignment - From Glover Street entrance to the east Road and parking may be realignment to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety	\$188,000
1-F	Road/Drainage Improvements - Area between soccer and ball fields This area needs to be evaluated since flooding is a regular occurrence and the road is damaged	\$155,000
1-G	Drainage/Parking Improvements - Fields 9 & 10 The drainage and parking area needs to be improved in this area	\$20,000
1-H	Tennis Parking and Drainage Improvements Drainage needs to be improved around the tennis courts and the parking area needs to be improved	\$45,000

1-I*	Demolish Existing Wall/Stands and Regrade Slope for Seating	\$30,000
	The existing walls in this area have failed and need to be removed and regraded	
1-J	Planning, Engineering, Design, Permitting and Bid Assistance for Projects 1-A through 1-H	\$50,000
TOTAL PRIORITY 1 JACKSON PARK PROJECTS		\$903,000

Jackson Park Projects – Priority 2

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
2-A	Parking and Drainage Improvements - Main parking area	\$95,000
	The existing parking area may be improved to provide more efficient traffic flow and provide drainage improvements	
2-B	Maintenance Area Improvements	\$95,000
	The maintenance area needs to be improved/expanded and a building with restroom facilities are needed	
2-C	Nature Trail Repair and Improvements	\$15,000
	The existing nature trail in Jackson Park needs to be widened, resurfaced and relocated in some areas	
TOTAL PRIORITY 2 JACKSON PARK PROJECTS		\$205,000

Jackson Park Projects – Priority 3

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
3-A	Soccer Field Improvements	\$75,000
	Field needs to be regraded and leveled, drainage improved and irrigation need to be provided	
3-B	Trail/Greenway Improvements	\$37,500
	Construct a trail/greenway from 4th Avenue to the existing greenway trail to provide improved pedestrian access	
3-C	Off-street parking at picnic area	\$35,000
	Off-street parking is needed at the picnic area	
3-D	Tennis Court Repair/Resurfacing	\$60,000
	Upper tennis court requires repair and resurfacing	
3-E	Planning for Area Adjacent to Fields 9 & 10	\$15,000
	This area could be utilized as additional fields, parking or an activity center	
3-F	Sewer Extension to Main Park Office and Shelter at Picnic Area (not shown on map)	\$125,000
	These two facilities in the Park still utilize septic systems for wastewater treatment	

and disposal

TOTAL PRIORITY 3 JACKSON PARK PROJECTS	\$347,500
TOTAL JACKSON PARK PROJECTS	\$1,455,500

Stoney Mountain Activity Center



Stoney Mountain Activity Center Projects – Priority 1 and 2

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
Priority 1		
1-L	Roof for Activity Center	\$50,000.00
	Structural repairs and new metal roof for Activity Center	
TOTAL PRIORITY 1 STONEY MOUNTAIN PROJECTS		\$50,000
Priority 2		
2-D	Paving and Drainage Improvements	\$50,000.00
	Entrance and parking area requires drainage improvements and paving	
TOTAL PRIORITY 2 STONEY MOUNTAIN PROJECTS		\$50,000
TOTAL STONEY MOUNTAIN PROJECTS		\$100,000

Etowah Park Projects – Priority 2 and 3

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
Priority 2		
2-E	Tennis Court Repair	\$45,000

Drainage improvements and court repair/resurfacing		
TOTAL PRIORITY 2 ETOWAH PROJECTS		\$45,000
Priority 3		
3-K	Lighting for Tennis Courts	\$17,500
	Provisions for lighting at the Etowah Tennis Courts	
3-M	Resurface Parking Area	\$60,000
	Parking area need to be resurfaced and drainage provided	
TOTAL PRIORITY 3 ETOWAH PROJECTS		\$77,500
TOTAL ETOWAH PROJECTS		\$122,500

New Edneyville Park



New Edneyville Park Projects – Priority 3

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
3-H	Paving for New Parking Lot Need Parking area requires paving	\$25,000
3-L	Complete Playground Area	\$5,000

Complete proposed playground area and provide fencing as necessary

TOTAL PRIORITY 3 NEW EDNEYVILLE PROJECTS	\$30,000
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Old Edneyville Park



Old Edneyville Park Projects – Priority 3

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
3-I	Planning for Connectivity Study and plan ways to connect the Old Edneyville Park with the New Edneyville Community Center	\$10,000
3-N	Relocate Restrooms and Improve Drainage The existing restrooms should be modified to improve the function of the park and drainage improvements are needed	\$16,000
TOTAL PRIORITY 3 OLD EDNEYVILLE PROJECTS		\$26,000
TOTAL OLD EDNEYVILLE PROJECTS		\$26,000

East Flat Rock Park



East Flat Rock Park Projects – Priority 3

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
3-J	Planning for Handicap Accessible Playground Study and planning is required for a handicap accessible playground at the park	\$10,000
TOTAL PRIORITY 3 EAST FLAT ROCK PROJECTS		\$10,000
TOTAL EAST FLAT ROCK PROJECTS		\$10,000

Dana Park



Dana Park Projects – Priority 3

Project ID	Project/Project Description	Project Budget
3-O	Remodel Existing Facility The existing restrooms need to be brought up to code and the building painted	\$9,200
TOTAL PRIORITY 3 DANA PROJECTS		\$9,200
TOTAL DANA PROJECTS		\$9,200

Projects by Priority

At the Board of Commissioner’s direction the following prioritizes the maintenance needs of Henderson County Parks and Recreation:

- Details of Priority 1 projects
- Details of Priority 2 projects
- Details of Priority 3 projects for Jackson Park
- Details of Priority 3 projects for all other parks

Maintenance and Repair Projects – Priority 1

Location	Project ID	Project Description	Project Budget
Jackson Park	1-A	Road Repair & Resurfacing - From 4th Avenue entrance past office Road in this area will require some full depth patching and resurfacing	\$120,000
Jackson Park	1-B	Road Realignment & Access Improvements Road alignment and parking access may be improved to provide more efficient traffic flow and improve pedestrian safety	\$85,000
Jackson Park	1-C	Road/Parking Realignment - From main parking area to Glover Street entrance Road and parking may be realignment to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety	\$175,000
Jackson Park	1-D	Intersection Improvements - Glover Street entrance Intersection improvements at the entrance to the park	\$35,000
Jackson Park	1-E	Road/Parking Realignment - From Glover Street entrance to the east Road and parking may be realignment to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety	\$188,000
Jackson Park	1-F	Road/Drainage Improvements - Area between soccer and ball fields This area needs to be evaluated since flooding is a regular occurrence and the road is damaged	\$155,000
Jackson Park	1-G	Drainage/Parking Improvements - Fields 9 & 10	\$20,000

			The drainage and parking area needs to be improved in this area	
Jackson Park	1-H	Tennis Parking and Drainage Improvements		\$45,000
			Drainage needs to be improved around the tennis courts and the parking area needs to be improved	
Jackson Park	1-I*	Demolish Existing Wall/Stands and Regrade Slope for Seating		\$30,000
			The existing walls in this area have failed and need to be removed and regraded	
Jackson Park	1-J	1-H	Planning, Engineering, Design, Permitting and Bid Assistance for Projects 1-A through 1-H	\$50,000
Stoney Mountain	1-L	Roof for Activity Center		\$50,000
			Structural repairs and new metal roof for Activity Center	
*Note that project 1-I should be incorporated into project 1-C due to proximity and coordination of improvements.			Total Priority 1	\$953,000

Maintenance and Repair Projects – Priority 2

Location	Priority ID	Project Description	Project Budget
Jackson Park	2-A	Parking and Drainage Improvements - Main parking area	\$95,000
			The existing parking area improved to provide more efficient traffic flow and provide drainage improvements
Jackson Park	2-B	Maintenance Area Improvements	\$95,000
			The maintenance area needs to be improved/expanded and a building with restroom facilities is needed
Jackson Park	2-C	Nature Trail Repair and Improvements	\$15,000
			The existing nature trail in Jackson Park needs to be widened, resurfaced and relocated in some areas
Stoney Mountain	2-D	Paving and Drainage Improvements	50,000
			Entrance and parking area requires drainage improvements and paving
Etowah	2-E	Tennis Court Repair	\$45,000
			Drainage improvements and court repair/resurfacing

TOTAL PRIORITY 2 PROJECTS **\$300,000**

Maintenance and Repair Projects – Priority 3 – Jackson Park

Location	Priority ID	Project Description	Project Budget
Jackson Park	3-A	Soccer Field Improvements	\$75,000
		Field needs to be regraded and leveled, drainage improved and irrigation installed	
Jackson Park	3-B	Trail/Greenway Improvements	\$37,500
		Construct a trail/greenway from 4th Avenue to the existing greenway trail to provide improved pedestrian access	
Jackson Park	3-C	Off-street parking at picnic area	\$35,000
		Off-street parking is needed at the picnic area	
Jackson Park	3-D	Planning for Area Adjacent to Fields 9 & 10	\$15,000
		This area could be utilized as additional fields, parking or an activity center	
Jackson Park	3-E	Tennis Court Repair/Resurfacing	\$60,000
		Upper tennis court requires repair and resurfacing	
Jackson Park	3-F	Sewer Extension to Main Park Office and Shelter at Picnic Area (not shown on map)	\$125,000
		These two facilities in the Park still utilize septic systems for wastewater treatment and disposal	

Maintenance and Repair Projects Priority 3 – Edneyville, East Flat Rock, Etowah, Dana Parks

Location	Priority ID	Project Description	Project Budget
New Edneyville	3-H	Paving for New Parking Lot	\$25,000
		Need Parking area requires paving	
Old Edneyville	3-I	Planning for Connectivity	\$10,000
		Study and plan ways to connect the Old Edneyville Park with the New Edneyville Community Center	
East Flat Rock	3-J	Planning for Handicap Accessible Playground	\$10,000
		Study and planning is required for a handicap accessible playground at the park	
Etowah	3-K	Lighting for Tennis Courts	\$17,500

Provisions for lighting at the Etowah Tennis Courts

New

Edneyville	3-L Complete Playground Area	\$5,000
	Complete proposed playground area and provide fencing as necessary	
	3-	
Etowah	M Resurface Parking Area	\$60,000
	Parking area needs to be resurfaced and drainage provided	
	3-	
Old Edneyville	N Relocate Restrooms and Improve Drainage	\$16,000
	The existing restrooms should be modified to improve the function of the park and drainage improvements are needed	
	3-	
Dana	O Remodel Existing Facility	\$9,200
	The existing restrooms need to be brought up to code and the building painted	
TOTAL PRIORITY 3 PROJECTS		\$500,200

Commissioner Young felt the list was prioritized correctly and recognized that Jackson Park needs lots of work done.

Commissioner Messer noted that no money has been allotted to Jackson Park in over 9 years except for regular maintenance in the parks and the fields. Every program in Henderson County is a money maker somewhere down the line.

Chairman Moyer disclosed a possible conflict of interest for the Board's consideration and pleasure. His son in law Hunter Marks is a landscape architect and has done some work in some of these areas and may do other work. He could be viewed as a conflict of interest depending on which projects get funded. Mr. Moyer stated he is willing to step aside but assured the Board it will not affect his judgment on the projects but it is at the Board's pleasure.

Attorney Russ Burrell Felt Chairman Moyer had summed it up exactly.

Commissioner McGrady felt the disclosure was appropriate but did not wish to see Chairman Moyer step aside. He doubted that Chairman Moyer was getting any financial benefit from his son in laws work on behalf of any of the projects. Since there is no direct financial interest and the law prefers to have him participate rather than recuse himself and given the discloser he would not vote to have the Chairman conflicted out of this discussion.

After further discussion, no indication was made that Chairman Moyer should step aside. No motion was necessary.

Commissioner McGrady felt the highest priority must be repairs at Jackson Park. If after the initial projects are completed funds are left we can continue to move down the list to some of the new projects listed. He recognized also that a lot of money has not been put into recreation projects and we are now in the position of playing catch up.

Commissioner Williams would like to see a little bit of mix with new projects. It nice to see things improved

and repaired but there is also a certain expectation to see what we are gaining in terms of additional facilities. He would like to see a small portion of the funding set aside for the rural area parks as well.

Chairman Moyer, having pushed for years for a capital reserve fund for capital projects, feels it is a distortion of what the Board is trying to accomplish; capital project, new projects, and additional projects. The capital reserve was not intended for maintenance. Up until this time our capital reserve has been used for new capital projects. Some of the projects in Jackson Park are close to capital in nature anyway as they would have to be capitalized from an accounting standpoint. Some of them such as the basic minor trail repairs do not fit into the capital projects criteria. Commissioner Moyer felt a portion of the funds should be for capital projects as it was the original intent. He felt the Board has gone from talking about major soccer fields to repairing roads.

Commissioner Williams felt additional information from folks in the audience requesting funds would be helpful.

Chairman Moyer stated if input were going to be allowed it should be fair and equal to all and questioned the Board to see if anyone had a problem with allowing input.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow comment from the audience limiting the comment from 3-5 minutes.

Fred Pittillo – “I live in the Edneyville community. Let me say we are not against the Recreation Department. They are going to look after the field and we need to work with them and not against them. It seems like that I’m up here trying to get some money from them that they need to fix what they need to fix. I understand the situation and I hope I can offer solutions that everybody will be satisfied with rather than spending money. First of all we’ve changed some of things out there at the field. (A handout was given to the Board) If you will look at the piece of paper in front of you, we’ve now proposed 5 soccer fields on that site and that seems to be one of the great needs in the County. Three of them are 100’ x 250’ one is 140’ x 250’ and the field that is in place now is 300 x 180. It has grass on it but I’m afraid a lot of the grass has to be reseeded this fall. It is crabgrass. It could be played on right now. Crabgrass will be tough till it frosts. What we are trying to do...we started out at the beginning of the year, January forward, we showed a proposed park finish of everything except the gym at \$502,000. In July we...at the club, ECCA (Edneyville Community Club Association) said that no matter what we were willing to throw in \$50,000 from the club that has money on hand now and we now think that somewhere in the neighborhood of \$175,000 to \$200,000 we can finish all of the fields product. Everything that you see there we think we can do. Understand what I am saying, \$50,000 from ECCA. I have 2 trailer loads of trees, caliper from 2 to 5 inches, at my shop now that’s been donated to us that can be used. We have some people in the community willing to work and if I don’t have to wait too long I can get those fields ready by this coming spring but I need to know...I need to be able to seed them in September or first of October. That means we don’t have much time to really get them ready. Some areas may need sod but with the monies I’m talking about we will be able to do all that. We may not be able to pave the parking lots but we will be able to put the parking lots in and do the grading and put the fields in and the walking trail. The walking trail is...I don’t know...a half a mile or three quarters of a mile long. We’ve really had good support in the community but now we need an energetic something to...people are just tired of raising money. They need to be able to accomplish something that they can see. We can leave it like it is. We’ve got weeds almost as high as the ceiling in that bottom. It’s pretty good land. I want to back up and just say this...we bought the land, we were able to donate it to the County. We’ve made a lot of progress. We’ve got a quarter million dollar sewer system that I’m really excited about. I’m not excited about it, it’s just sad to me it cost that much of our money to be able to have to do that. We really have a nice building. We have a nice facility. We would like to finish it, at least the grounds part of it and I don’t think anybody can offer you more bang for the buck than we are.

Chairman Moyer questioned, referring to the diagram handout, removing the block saying future expansion, he assumed that when Mr. Pittillo was saying fields, he was talking about soccer fields but not the little

league baseball field.

Mr. Pittillo stated the little league baseball field gets in. "Now we will not be able to fence it or back stop it with this much."

Chairman Moyer – "Alright so let's just say the soccer field. The 5 soccer fields, the walking trail and the landscaping, gravel probably in the parking lot...you can do what's on here except for the future expansion, and the little league baseball field fencing if...you have \$50,000 and you would need \$175,000 from us, is that what you are saying?"

Fred Pittillo – "to \$200,000...we are like they are, it's hard to know what the cost will be but we're going to do...we'll finish it, somehow."

Chairman Moyer – "But it's in the range of \$175,000."

Fred Pittillo – "We'll put in the plant material. We'll do what you see on this."

Chairman Moyer – "I think that's the closest that I can get."

Mark Williams - "and I'm trying to match that with what we've got in front of us. I see \$25,000 on our list. Am I missing something?"

Chairman Moyer – "They just have the road...I mean the parking lot."

Mark Williams – "What we are looking at here shows Edneyville for a new parking lot, paving for a new parking lot \$25,000"

Fred Pittillo – "Right"

Mark Williams – "That's all that we have on this list that I'm seeing. Am I missing something...I don't"

Chairman Moyer – "Remember this list that Tim put together was not the capital projects, this was just the maintenance projects."

Selena Coffey – "That's right."

Chairman Moyer – "What we are talking about now was on that other presentation, that's why Selena gave you the additional information and that would not be on here."

Selena Coffey – "That's right. One of the other things that Tim and I were talking about today is that you guys hopefully...your PARTF now is closed out, correct?"

Fred Pittillo – "I guess...is it Tim?"

Selena Coffey – "So we should be in the position here in the next couple of years where we could go back and ask for another one too and I think we talked about that during the budget process as well."

Fred Pittillo – "That would be the gymnasium to fit in the L shaped building part that we have. If all the grounds could be complete we'd have a lot better chance to get that PARTF Grant. If they come and look at the place...you know that's my opinion."

Selena Coffey – "You are right Chairman Moyer that the list that you have in front of...or the power-point that you have in front of you...Commissioner Williams as well as the ones that we've covered a couple of

times now have been mainly maintenance projects. But we did early on give you the list of priorities that the Recreation Advisory Board brought forward which were soccer...was the first priority, second priority was maintenance, and third priority was the Edneyville Community Center.”

Fred Pittillo – “With us adding the soccer fields, kind of fields that need somewhat understanding that 2 or 3 of the fields aren’t quite as good as...but they are good enough for young people to spend some energy on.”

Chairman Moyer - “Any other questions for Fred? Fred, thank you.”

Fred Pittillo – “There is one other comment. I gave you a little handout that talks about artificial turf and the heating effect that I just received on the internet today. When you have time read it...anyone else here wants a copy I’ll share with them. Thank you.”

Margaret Davidson – “Chairman, May I say a word?”

Chairman Moyer – “Very briefly, we have to move on to the next project Margaret. It’s good to see you.”

Margaret Davidson – “I can be brief. Thank you Commissioners! We appreciate what you’ve done for us in the past and we are ready to match this \$50,000 if you can possibly help us. God bless you and thank you!”

Chairman Moyer – “Thank you Margaret! We move to the East Flat Rock project now. Is that alright? Alright Ralph.”

Ralph King – “Our project at East Flat Rock consists of a handicapped playground and it’s going to be incorporated in with the existing playground. When we set up the playground before we tried to make it as handicapped accessible as possible. Now some of our pavement didn’t get paved into the playground which we are going to do on this project. They estimate cost...I don’t know what it would be because we are having a architect now to draw the plans up. East Flat Rock has \$50,000 dollars Community Club. Let me express that...that’s community club, that’s \$50,000 to put on this and they want to ask for \$50,000 from you all. This is not just a playground, this has the flooring...the rubberized flooring for kids that...in case they fall. They have transfer stations. It’s going to be really good for the kids and we do have a large amount of handicapped or special needs children in our community, which we work with the schools, some of the people that work with the special needs children at school. They come and give us ideas. We went to Columbia and got people to come up and address it and go over some plans with us and as far as me putting out a formal request, I don’t know what that means. I spoke two times at the Recreation Board. I spoke two times here asking for funds. I’ve sent letters to each...or the Community Club has sent letters to each County Commissioner about this project. It’s a good thing and another thing is I think some of this money, I think Edneyville ought to get money, Etowah ought to get money, East Flat Rock ought to get money. If we are going to have the road paved and parking lots paved, where are you going to play? I mean you can spend all your money on one thing but like Mark said too you know, you go there to participate. You don’t go there to drive a road and park. I know some of it needs repair but there are other needs in the community too and I think you should address that. Thank you!”

Chairman Moyer asked if anyone was available from the soccer association in regards to their project.

Commissioner Messer felt that the soccer association plans had been put on hold as there were discussions in regards to the property.

Chairman Moyer asked if the representatives from little league would like to speak in regards to their needs.

Mike Wood, vice president for Henderson County Youth Baseball, stated their biggest need was for the safety of the kids. Field 3 has crumbling stairs and a retaining wall that need to be repaired. They have had snow fence around the area since March to keep kids from getting into it and playing on it and getting hurt.

It remains in disrepair and the weeds are growing up higher than people. It is also an eyesore and very difficult to keep kids out of the area when the baseball field is ten feet from it. He was unsure of the money allocated to fix the wall. He feels if the rubble and stairs were removed and a terraced grassed area put in where people could sit and watch the games it would be ideal as it is a great field. Mr. Wood stated with them having the concession stand they are able to continue to have their league. The funds from the concession stand and local sponsors help them to continue to grow. This year during the spring season five hundred and eighty two kids participated. Fall registration is beginning with three hundred and twelve kids. A four year old division has been added. The other need is a 13-14 year old division as there is no middle school baseball in Henderson County. The league has plans to put a score board on field 2 or 3 that can be used as a signature field to bring in more tournaments. They would like to add another batting cage to Henderson County Youth Baseball between fields 1 and 2 where all the teams warm up. This is their way of giving back and helping to enhance the field. The league would like to add 2 pitching mounds and would prefer to add them to fields 1 and 2. The kids could simulate pitching and warm up outside of the fields. These are the things they are looking at and not asking the County to do them.

Commissioner Williams asked about middle school baseball in other counties.

Tink Johnson stated that Erwin, TC Roberson, North Buncombe and Enka all have middle school baseball teams. They started with the parents purchasing uniforms and the Counties furnished the fields, now they are talking to Mr. Johnson about this continuing. The High Schools are excited about keeping baseball going. Parents are excited about the opportunity because at this time there is no baseball for the 13-14 year olds. Berkeley Mills usually has one or two teams who pick their players and there is nothing for the other players.

Commissioner Williams asked if they are requesting funding.

Mr. Wood stated no, it is their goal and plan to start this league. There is the possibility of being invited to play other school teams. At this time the league is specifically asking that the retaining wall and stairs be repaired or removed.

Fred Pittillo offered to donate 5,000 square feet of sod from Turf Mountain Sod.

Construction Manager David Berry stated he and Mr. Hopkin and the County Engineer have looked at the wall and he suggested doing away with the wall. The estimate is \$30,000.00, depending on the design and offer from Mr. Pittillo the figure could shrink down considerably.

Marcus Jones stated it is not as easy as just doing away with the wall. The wall is there as a retaining wall. If you put a slope back it would be too steep to sit on, mow, and maintain. A shorter wall may be addressed along with drainage problems.

Tim Hopkins stated there is correlation between the retaining wall, the parking lot and the road in front of field 3. They are in the process of realigning that road so that it does not dissect the field and the parking lot. This would improve safety so that kids would not have to walk across a road to get to the field.

Chairman Moyer asked if the transformer was a part of this problem or a separate problem.

Mr. Hopkin stated there are fences around the transformers and they are working on putting roofs on them. He was unsure of the problem being discussed.

Tink Johnson stated that one of the fences around a transformer was curled up at the base and needs to be pinned down with a straight pipe or anchor.

Commissioner Messer stated no one was present from Etowah but there are repairs necessary at the tennis

courts.

Commissioner Williams felt that some of the maintenance problems needed to be taken care of as because things have been let go to a point that they have become capital projects. Going forward the Board needs to consider this in budgets making sure there is enough to take care of repairs along the way so we don't end up in situations where there are major repairs. He would like to see approximately \$100,000 of the \$750,000 put toward projects outside of the Jackson Park and Stoney Mountain Activity Center. He provided the following details:

Jackson Park	\$600,000 (including the retaining wall)
Stoney Mountain	\$ 50,000 (use as far as possible to fix roof (shingles okay) and/or road)
Edneyville Park	\$ 50,000
East Flat Rock Park	\$ 25,000
Etowah	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total	\$750,000

Chairman Moyer questioned the possibility of finding money somewhere in the budget to repair the nature trail.

Mr. Pittillo stated with the \$50,000 they could probably get the baseball field and maybe one other field.

Chairman Moyer was in support of Commissioner William's proposal if money is found to support the \$15,000 of nature trail repairs somewhere in the budget.

Commissioner Williams felt the nature trail should be repaired out of the \$600,000 unless funds can be found elsewhere within the budget.

Commissioner Messer was in support of the proposal with the exception of increasing the funds to Edneyville Park to \$100,000 from \$50,000 leaving \$550,000 for Jackson Park.

Selena Coffey questioned if we get into the process where we are actually taking quotes and bidding these projects out and we get to a point where we are under budget on a certain project she requested that the Board provide staff with direction of how to use the funds or should staff bring this back to the Board?

Chairman Moyer felt the amounts would be fixed per place and if money is saved they should move further down their list.

Commissioner McGrady felt it was clear that attention should be paid to repairs. He was willing to compromise and understood the appeal of new projects. It has been pointed out that fields are a priority over parking lots but all it would take is a trip and fall in a parking lots and Henderson County would be liable and will end up paying for something that wasn't repaired. These parking lots have ultimately become gravel. He recommended doing the projects incrementally, starting down the road, and then he would not have any problem supporting the entire Edneyville proposal.

Chairman Moyer made the motion that the Board take the \$750,000 allocated in the FY 2011 budget for parks capital projects and maintenance and allocate projects in the order designated by staff as follows: Jackson Park \$600,000 for priority #1 projects, Edneyville Community Park \$50,000 project for additional soccer fields based on their master plan recognizing it is only the beginning of the phase, Etowah projects \$25,000, East Flat Rock Park \$25,000 (handicapped accessible playground) designated project, Stoney Mountain Activity Center \$50,000, and \$15,000 toward the nature trail project, trying to find the \$15,000 elsewhere in the maintenance budget ,but if not it would be part of the \$600,000 allocation as next on the list. Any overages that may occur when contracts come back under cost will be used to fund items further down on the list.

Commissioner Messer stated with the allocation of \$50,000 to Stoney Mountain Road which would be repaired the road or the roof.

Chairman Moyer stated this decision would be left up to David Berry, Marcus Jones and Tim Hopkin.

Attorney Russ Burrell stated that essentially the Board has given them a project budget and they will work as much of it as they can.

After further discussion, *the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Young voting nay.*

It was the consensus of the Board to support asking Parks and Recreation to work with an honor the request that came from the little league association.

Tim Hopkins stated staff would work with the little league and allow them to place additional pitching mounds, additional batting cages, and a score board, making sure they are placed in the appropriate locations making sure not to impede existing structures such as electrical, sewer lines, etc. The desired locations may have to be adjusted according to the infrastructure that is currently in place.

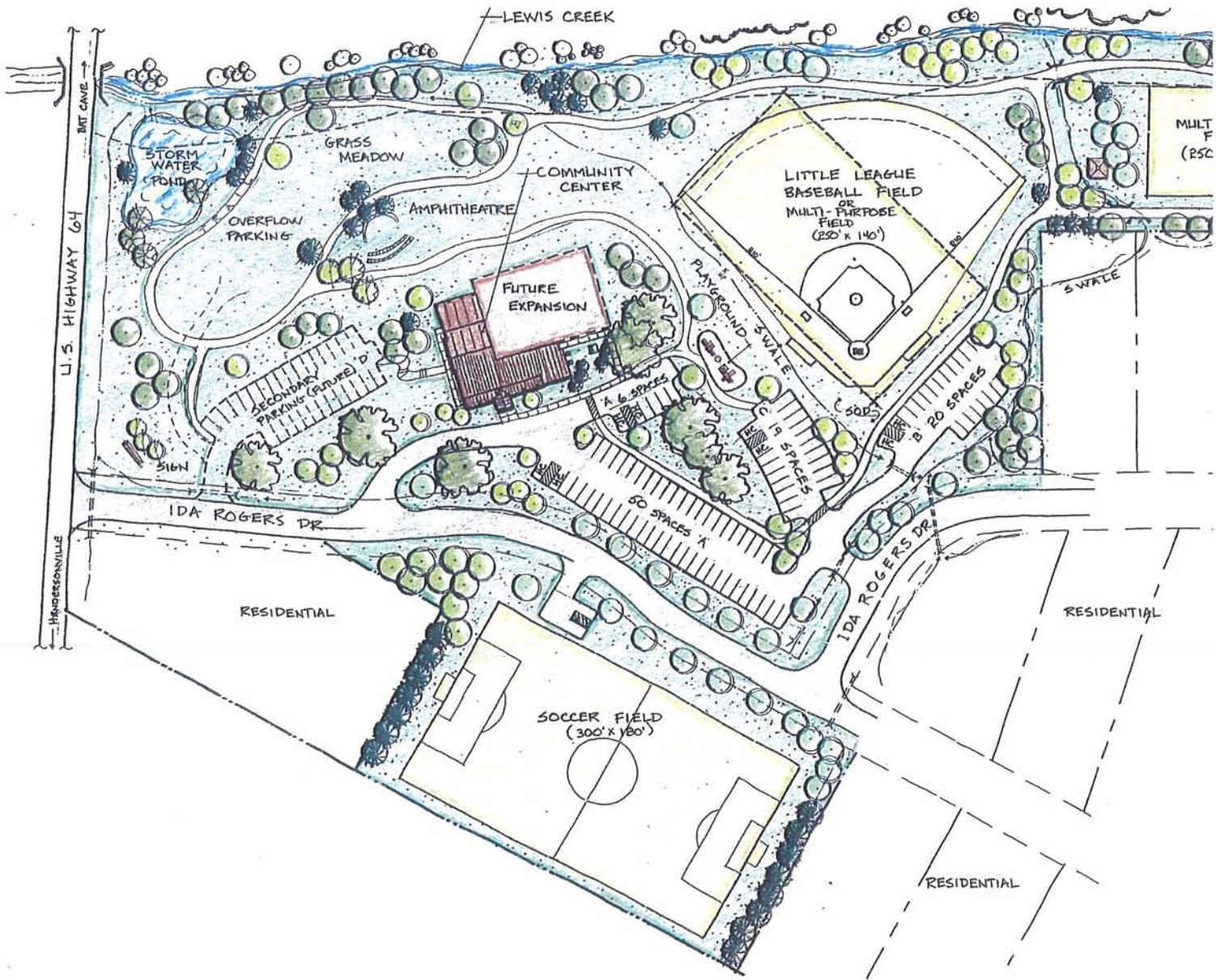
ADJOURN

Commissioner McGrady made the motion that the Board adjourn at 9:15 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

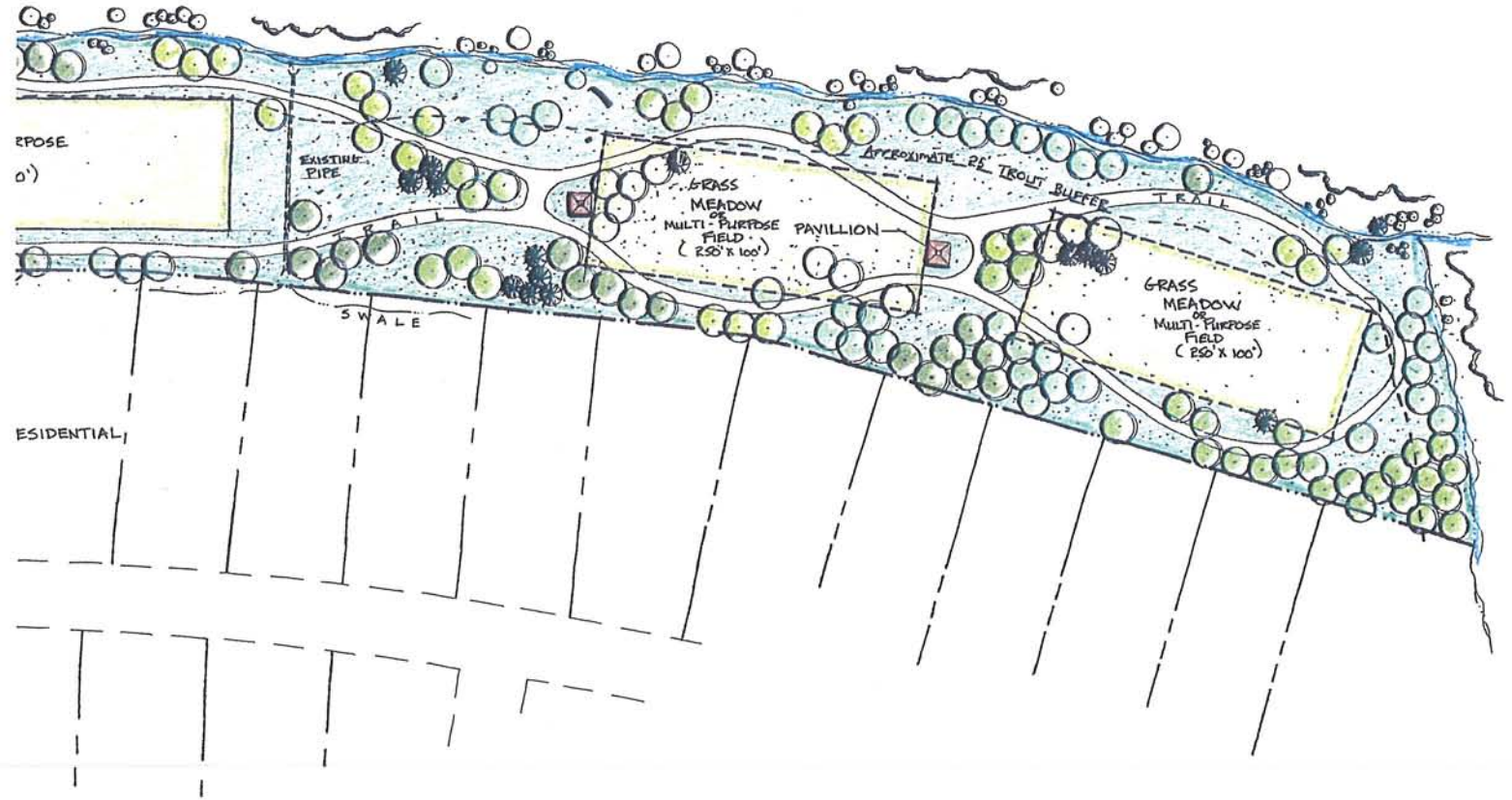
Attest:

Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board

William L. Moyer, Chairman



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