



**City of King City Parks and Recreation Advisory
Committee Meeting**

6:00 PM Thursday, March 12, 2026

Parks and Rec Community Building,
Parlor Room, 107 White Road

AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PLEDGE

Notes on Pledge: Remain Standing for the invocation

INVOCATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notes on Announcements:

- **Feed Stokes 5-K:** Saturday, March 14, 2026, 8 am – 10 am, King Central Park
- **Community Appearance Commission:** Thursday, March 19, 2026, 2 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 229 S. Main Street
- **King Planning Board, Regular Meeting:** Monday, March 23, 2026, 6 pm, at City Hall Council Chambers, 229 S. Main Street
- **King Little League Opening Day:** Saturday, March 28, 2026, 9 am, King Rec Acres, 107 White Rd.
- **Easter Eggstravaganza!:** Saturday, March 28, 2026, 11 am - 1 pm, King Central Park; 302 Kirby Rd. King, Food, Games, Bounce Houses, Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt, Special beeping egg hunt for children with visual impairments.
- **City Hall Closed:** Friday, April 3, 2026, in observance of the Easter Holiday
- **King City Council, Regular Meeting:** Monday, April 6, 2026, 6 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 229 S. Main Street
- **White Goods Pick-Up:** April 6-10, 2026. Please place items to be collected at the curb without blocking driveways.
- **Senior Services Board, Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 3:00 pm, King Senior Center, 107 White Road, Lower Parking Lot
- **Parks/Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting:** Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6 pm, Parks/Rec Community Building Parlor Room, 107 White Road
- **Meet Me on Main & 5k/Fun Run:** Saturday, April 25, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Rain date Saturday, May 2, 2026, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) Downtown King.
- **The Moving Wall:** April 30th - May 4th, 2026, American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 290, 436 S. Main St., King. The Vietnam War Memorial. www.thewallkingnc.com
- **Dinner On Dalton:** Saturday, May 16, 2026, 5 pm - 9 pm, Downtown King

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 8, 2026 – Regular Meeting

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on Pricing for Park Signs
- B. Review of Requested Budget Items

C. Windscreen for Pickleball Court

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. United Stokes Football Club – Review Proposal and vote for improvements to the soccer concession stand

B. Discussion of Playground Rentals for Organized Events

a. Consideration of charging schools outside of Stokes County for shelter rental

b. Discussion of allocating rental funds to a designated playground repair line item

6. PARK UPDATES

A. Update on New Parking Lot Construction

B. Playground matting repairs

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

ADJOURNMENT



**CITY OF KING
CITY COUNCIL**

MEETING DATE:

03/12/2026

PART A

Subject:	Approval of Minutes	
Action Requested:	Approval of Minutes	
Attachments:	Minutes from January 8, 2026, meeting	
Tiffany George <hr/> Tiffany George, Community Relations	This abstract requires review by:	
	City Manager	City Attorney

PART B

Introduction and Background:
Discussion and Analysis:
Budgetary Impact:
Recommendation:
Motion and approval for minutes as presented or amended for the January 8, 2026 meeting.



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6:00 PM Thursday, January 08, 2026

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Parlor Room, 107 White Road

MINUTES

I. Call to order

Chairman Garry Merritt called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Invocation

The invocation was given by Board Member Chris Chunn.

Attendance:

Present: Chairman Garry Merritt; Peggy Slate; Steve Roberson; Chris Chunn; Diane Irvine; Betty Essick; City Engineer Ben Marion; Community Relations Coordinator Tiffany George

Absent: Thomas Newsom III

Motion: Peggy Slate moved to excuse Thomas Newsom III from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Roberson. Motion carried 5-0

III. Public Comment:

Public comment opened by Chairman Garry Merritt. No one signed up to speak. Public comment was closed.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (11.13.2025):

Motion: Garry Merritt made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 13th, 2025, meeting. Peggy Slate seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Organization:

A. Election of Chairman

Chairman Garry Merritt opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Motion: Motion made by Diane Irvine for Garry Merritt to continue as chairman. Chris Chunn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Election for Vice Chairman

Chairman Garry Merritt opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair.

Motion: Motion made by Peggy Slate for Chris Chunn to serve as vice chair. Motion seconded by Diane Irvine. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Old Business

A. Revised King Little League Contract.

- City Engineer Ben Marion reviewed the revised contract for King Little League for the upcoming 2026 season. Members reviewed and had no changes to make.
- **B. Revised Stokes Soccer Contract**
- City Engineer Ben Marion reviewed the revised contract for Stokes Soccer League for the upcoming 2026 season. Members reviewed and had no changes to make.

VII. New Business

A. New Member

- New member, Beverly Essick, was present and introduced to the group.

B. FY-26-27 Budget Request Items

Rec Acres

- Repairing “Everyone’s Playground” flooring by either replacing areas of concern with playground mulch and sidewalk paths for handicap access features in the playground or replacing/patching and resurfacing the playground matting. Tiffany George to get a quote for both options.
- Install “No dogs on ball fields” signage for each ball field.

Central Park

- Security cameras
- Replace bridge railing & deck boards
- Replace aged Signage
- Install more dog waste stations
- Replace the asphalt pathway
- Replace/ repair grills at picnic shelters

North Hampton Green Way

- Replace bench
- Landscaping on the path

VIII. Update on Parks

- Ben Marion let the board know that a new employee has been hired for the Parks Department. Andrew Newsome will help at both parks, but mainly take care of Central Park.
- Overflow parking at Recreation Acres was delayed due to the weather. It should start in the coming weeks.
- Park signs are going to be priced to replace those with old information or those that are aging due to weather.
- The contractor for the Shelton Forest Development on White Road has offered to donate dirt from land clearing to be used at the dog park. The contractor will deliver and grade the dirt. The City will need to remove fencing, benches, and obstacles prior to grading and replace them afterward. The Board agreed with this arrangement.

IX. Items of general concern

City Engineer Ben Marion made two recommendations to the board as follows:

1. The playground at Central Park needs to be updated
2. To have an engineer (outside of the city) to help develop a long-term “master plan” for changes at recreation acres (sports fields, basketball courts, football field). Chairman Garry Merritt mentioned thinking about a student with NC State or Steven Jones. Ben will look into both options and discuss them once he has collected more information.

X. **Adjournment**

Motion: Peggy Slate made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Diane Irvin.
Motion carried 5-0.

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Approved:

Garry Merritt, Chairman

Attested:

Tiffany George, Secretary