

**SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
FOR
WALKERTOWN PARK AND RECREATION PLAN
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
WALKERTOWN LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
THURSDAY 10-16-08 7:00 P.M.

.... DRAFT MINUTES**

The special public hearing meeting for the proposed Walkertown Town Park and Recreation Plan was **opened at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting was scheduled to allow a formal public hearing to discuss the development of the Town of Walkertown's Park and Recreation Plan and to listen to the public's interest in building a new municipal park within the Town of Walkertown. Hand-outs including a comment sheet were available for those interested in commenting. Survey questionnaires will be mailed to residents soon and the town asks that they be returned before November 15, 2008.

Present at this meeting were Mayor Doc Davis, Council members Marilyn Martin and Sarah Welch, town clerk Lynn McKinnie, manager Scott Snow, maintenance Tom Lane, and Alley Williams Carmen & King staff member, Jeff Johnson. The audience consisted of three citizens:: Peggy Leight, Annette Leight, and former Town Council member Brenda Mabe.

One person signed up to speak:

1. Brenda Mabe
5155 Sullivantown Road
Walkertown NC

I live right below the park – and, yes, I would like to see us have a park but I'm going to make sure – is this the right time? Lot of towns right now are putting things on hold. I want to make sure that we have grant money that's going to help pay for this. And, also, I noticed you talk about a community center at the old fire station. I think that would be a great place to go ahead and make that not only a community center, but a town meeting hall. It would be nice if the town had a place to call its own. It would be nice if we had equipment instead of having to hold a light over there – that we have an overhead view that we could show and could really see. I would like to see – if you made that – and that was priority and done first – not only could the town officials use this as a meeting hall, but the citizens in this town will be able to use it as well. It will be open as a joint venture. I notice on here that you've got children's playgrounds here and there, which I didn't like because as a grandmother – if I've got two grandchildren and one will want to play on this one and one will want to play on that one. So I'd like to see more in one location – where I could sit down and let them plan in a fenced in area and I'd feel more safe and secure then I'd know I could watch them as they played. Besides, if I'm walking on that trail and I don't want all those children running all over me when I walk around the trail. And, also, I think it would be nice to have a gazebo and closer up with the park – you could walk closer to it. And I've been very active voice for us to have a park but, like I said, I want to make sure and at this time it's important that we look at all the angles and make sure – cross all the t's and dot all the i's - - - And, one thing I

didn't notice and I want to ask – where are the bathrooms at and where are the water fountains? That's why I thought if you built at the town hall – made that into a meeting hall up there at the old fire station, behind back there is a perfect location to build bathrooms – to serve the park as well as the community center and joint town hall. We're not very far from a sewer line because the service station next door has it. But, land is not going to go away – this is an opportunity. But, I think it's important that we look at all the angles. And I know this is not set in concrete. But, I would, safety for children, I'd like to have more in a central location because I like to be able to control grandchildren – and in a fenced-in area, they can't run away from me! And nobody can run in and get them. And, it will always be the "Booe" house to me, they have a fence in the back and wonderful two big trees and I thought, oh man, back here – mama could sit underneath the trees while the kids play in the area and it could be secure. And, then, anybody else could walk on the walking trail and wouldn't be bothered – and I could be more secure. I'm glad to see we're going forth – I've pushed for that for years..... It's important. I want people in town to know that the town is looking at all the angles.....make sure the town can afford it..... Thank you.

2. Council Member Marilyn Martin

2733 Martin Street
Walkertown NC

I just wanted to say, in answer to Brenda, I'm a newcomer to this and I've just been on the council a year – but, we've gone about this very, very slow. We are trying to get grants before we proceed. We are very careful with the citizens' money. If we can get a grant, that's what we want to do, before we proceed into building this thing. So, I just wanted everybody to know that this is a slow process. You hurry up and wait!! You get a few things done, and then you just have to stop and wait. Lynn and Scott both have been trying to get this done and this gentleman, Jeff Johnson, has been right on top of it – and with that, and trying to get sidewalks built, we've had a full schedule. But, there's a lot of things going on in the town, in the background, that a lot of people don't know about that we're working on because they don't attend the town meetings. And I hate that so bad because I feel like it would be to their benefit. Thank you.

Public Hearing was **closed at 7:21 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McKinnie, CMC
Town Clerk