

Plans for gift at issue: Committee hears from residents about \$100,000 donation

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WALKERTOWN

The Walkertown Recreation Committee met last Thursday to hear suggestions from residents about how to use the \$100,000 bequest to the town from Spencer Waggoner.

Waggoner, a native of Walkertown, was retired from Integon Corp. He died in January 2005.

The committee and residents discussed heating the bathrooms at Walkertown Park, so that the park can be used more during the winter. Forsyth County owns the park.

Officials said in late August that they want to develop a plan to use the money. An attorney handling the Waggoner estate warned the Walkertown Town Council that the money could disappear if it is not spent.

Town Manager Ron Bell said that county officials had agreed to put heaters in the bathroom.

Mayor Kenneth Davis said that the town is looking at buying several lots around town on Main Street.

He said that the town has a deadline of Oct. 28 to buy the property or lose the option.

Davis said that town officials are trying to spend the money wisely.

"We'll do the best we can," he said.

Kathy Whicker, a Walkertown Little League parent, said that ballfields where their games are played need sewer lines. The fields, on Wickenham Road off Sullivantown Road, also do not have bleachers, concession stands or lights.

David Deckard, another Little League parent, said that there are many things that can be done for the field.

"Just because sewer is not there doesn't mean there aren't things we could do," he said.

A developer is building a subdivision near the field, but town officials said it could be as much as two years before a sewer line is built to serve the field.

The town leases the field to the Little League for \$1 a year.

Whicker said that all of the children participating in Little League live in Walkertown.

Davis said that the town should look at putting a park at the Little League field on additional land the town owns.

Jeff Larrimore, another committee member, suggested that it look at building a skate park similar to the one that Kernersville recreation officials built at Fourth of July Park. He also suggested basketball courts and a

walking trail.

The committee will meet again at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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