

Memo

To: City Council
From: Park Advisory Board through:
Amy E. Gilson, P.E., Director of Public Works
Date: September 23, 2015
Re: Park Advisory Board Projects



I have been asked by the Park Advisory Board to advise Council of recent recommendations from the Board. They are recommending approval of each of the following projects so they can move forward.

The mountain bike group brought a request to the Board to allow fat tire bike riding on the existing trails in Bennett Park during the winter months. The reason it was brought to the Board was that it would require trail grooming, which the group would like to do with an old snowmobile that would be trailered in for the grooming. Because snowmobile riding is not allowed in the City, I contacted the Police Chief who indicated that this would not be an issue.

An Eagle Scout candidate has brought forth his project that is the construction of a gaga ball pit. He presented it to the Board explaining that it is a low key version of dodge ball that is played in an eight foot hexagon and the balls are rolled. The game is played at several youth camps and other parks. The DPW met with the young man to secure a location at Bennett Park for the family oriented game.

The Rotary Club of Charlotte has asked permission to install a light on a timer at the sledding hill. I brought it to the Park Board who agreed it would be a great idea since it was being donated. The proposal from Rotary is to purchase and install the light pole. They requesting the City to provide the trenching for the electrical service. The trenching was not in the current year's approved budget, but we are under budget on the bridge inspection, so that money could be used for the trenching.

If you have any questions, please let me know.