

**October 10, 2011 Public Hearing**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on October 10, 2011. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair White, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Monteith and Commissioner Moon.

Chairman Carson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Moon led with prayer and the pledge.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Swain Recreation Park Master Improvement Plan 2011-2015.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Scott Cline representing the WNC Youth Soccer Association and Swain County Soccer League spoke of the growing interest in the area for soccer. With over 3 million players in the United States and over 100 youth participating locally in the sport, Mr. Cline congratulated the Commission for including the transformation of the unallocated multi-purpose field at the Swain Recreation Park into a usable soccer play and practice field. He noted that the sport is coed in the county and represents a positive recreational activity for addressing the growing problem of obesity. He noted that this new field would increase use of the Swain Recreation Park and expand youth recreational play in the area.

Ms. Angela McGregor representing the community of seniors in Swain noted that the plan emphasized physical improvements to park and recreational activities and did not include expansion of program activities targeted to seniors. She urged the Commission to expand the participation of seniors in recreational activities and community participation.

Ms. Ginger Gaither spoke of the need for creating a full season indoor pool and the expansion of winter water aerobic activities. She also noted the need for water therapy resources locally and the problem of transporting seniors in need of water therapy resources to the Waynesville area.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Moon made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk to the Board  
Swain County Commissioners

Phil Carson  
Chairman  
Swain County Commissioners