

**Town of Pittsboro  
Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
April, 6 2009**

**Members Present**-Chairman Ken Hoyle, Ethel Farrell, Jimmy Collins, Harold Howard, Freda Marsh. **Absent**-Shannon Plummer.

**Call to Order**-Chairman Hoyle called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**Election of Officers**-Howard recommended a motion for Hoyle to be appointed to Chairman of the Board and Farrell to be Vice-Chair, Marsh seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.

**1. Town Park at Powell Place-site plan review**

Monroe stated the park is planned to take advantage of as much as the natural topography as possible. The park is going to be built with grants totaling about half of the amount that it will take to build the park into fruition. The Board of Commissioners has also agreed to team up with the Abundance Foundation to solicit funds from the community. There also is an involvement with local craftsman in building certain items for the park in exchange for a plaque stating who donated what items. The community college is also getting involved in building certain structures at the park that will be sustainable with little to no maintenance involved. The parking will be off of Old Rock Springs Cemetery Church Road with handicap accessible parking. There will be a buffer between the active play area and the north side of the park where there are houses to be built off of Millbrook Avenue in Powell Place. Monroe also stated that there was a meeting at Town Hall for all residents who will be impacted by the park, to voice any concerns they may have had. The members of the community felt that it was a wonderful plan and were excited to see it come to fruition. After the Board sees fit for approval, there will be another meeting held for anyone who has any concerns or suggestions. Chairman Hoyle found it interesting that the family area was the furthest away from the parking area. Monroe thought that the reasoning behind that was the topography or the want to disturb it as little as possible. The question was asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the park when it was finished, Monroe answered that it would be the responsibility of the Town's Public Works department. Monroe also stated that it was part of the condition of the grant funding from the state for the Town to agree to maintain the park. Monroe continued that the restrooms would be added at a later time when funding permitted. **Farrell recommended a motion for approval, Marsh seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.**

**2. Pittsboro Pedestrian Plan**

Monroe briefed the Board on the plan, stating that there were 3 public meetings held at various places around the Town to inform and a questionnaire for input from the

public. Monroe thought the plan before the Board is a good plan that is well thought out and funded through the DOT. Chairman Hoyle asked if the priority plan is already established for certain sidewalks. Monroe responded that the Town would have to seek out alternative grant funding for all of the sidewalks requested. Chairman Hoyle suggested the Board to take more time to read and fully examine the document before there was a motion made. Monroe agreed that there was no rush in making a decision.

**Howard recommended a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting, Collins seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.**

**Board Member Concerns**-Chairman Hoyle voiced a concern over Five Oaks Trailer Park; he stated that he has received numerous calls regarding these dilapidated homes. **Farrell recommended a motion to bring this issue to the Board of Commissioners for an action regarding removal of these trailers from the property, Marsh seconded. A vote was taken; unanimously approved.**

**Adjourn**-Motion to adjourn was entered at 7:32p.m.