

# NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

## REMOTE ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 7, 2023 – 7 p.m.

Zoom

Approved 7-19-23

**Present:** Jay McHale, Chair; Bea Bezmalinovic, Vice Chair; Michael D’Ortenzio

**7:00 PM** Public Forum for Field Utilization Study

Weston and Sampson presented slides outlining the Field Utilization Study, which includes an inventory and analysis of existing courts and fields, public outreach and needs assessment, strategic planning for park facilities, funding and phasing strategies, and benchmarking exercise for permitting and fees.

Members of the public then submitted comments through the chat function, and included:

- Questions about the use of courts for Pickleball and impacts on the court abutters, and alternatives to current pickleball locations
- Nature of artificial turf (conditions, usage) and environmental impacts.
- Questions about the study methodology, including how different park needs were calculated or weighted.

A recording of the meeting can be accessed here:

<https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/LGze1WqTsE8jwTKC--4xu4kSh8jPjdoJ/playlists/2786/media/804834?autostart=false&showtabssearch=true&fullscreen=false>

Respectfully submitted,

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Documents Referenced

Weston & Sampson Presentation