

Board of Supervisors Report

Date: April 26, 2010
Subject: Recreation Applications

Overview

Due in part to the numerous requests the Board of Supervisors has received over the past several years to allocate funding for organizations that provide recreational activities, a formal application process was developed. This application process for organizations takes place twice a year, in the spring and the autumn (contingent upon budgeted funds). The current FY 2009-2010 budget provides funding in the amount of \$5,000 to be utilized for recreational purposes by organizations submitting applications. A subcommittee of two supervisors, Felts and Young, and county staff of Beth Lewis, Julia Williams and James Randolph was established to review applications, determine the impact that each application would have on county residents, and to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on which applications should be funded and to what extent. The Southampton County Parks and Recreation Plan, dated October 2008, listed several priorities including establishing a parks and recreation fund and developing public recreation programs for youths and adults. Because the county does not have a formal parks and recreation department, partnerships with local organizations help meet the park and recreation needs of county citizens.

This spring, the county received six (6) requests for funding from the following organizations.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Funding Requested</u>
Bear Path Acres	\$1,000.00
Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Tribal Heritage Foundation	\$3,500.00
County Soccer League	\$2,500.00
Courtland Baseball/Softball	\$1,500.00
Newsoms Athletic Association	\$1,500.00
Sedley Recreation Association	\$2,000.00

The subcommittee met on March 18, 2010 to review and discuss the applications received and offers the following recommendation:

Appropriate funds for recreational opportunities as follows:

Bear Path Acres- \$400.00 for Project Learning Tree/Project Wild

County Soccer League- \$1,000.00, Contingent upon organization securing 501C (3) status (Pending)

Courtland Baseball/Softball-\$1,000.00 for insurance and league fees

Newsoms Athletic Association-\$1,000.00 for capital improvements to facilities

Sedley Recreation Association-\$1,000.00 for capital improvements to facilities

All of the organizations listed above that receive county funds shall be required to submit a report within 12 months detailing the use of county funds.