

DAGWould?

Board Meeting Minutes November 21, 2019 Carter Park 9030 Asheville Highway

1. Welcome
Cindy Pionke, Strategic Facilities Engineer/ADA 504 Coordinator for Knox County, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. She recognized and thanked DAGWould? members who were present for the meeting: Tim Adams, Anna Bass, Nancy Brown, Stanley Taylor, and Shazi Ahmad.
2. Approval of October Minutes
Minutes from the October meeting were approved.
3. Tour of Carter Park – led by Shauna Godlevsky, Parks Planning and Development Manager for Knox County
 - a. Areas toured
 - i. Soccer field, its bleachers, and nearby restrooms
 - ii. Baseball field, its bleachers, and concession area
 - iii. Covered picnic area
 - iv. Playground
 - b. Findings
 - i. Soccer field
 1. To access the soccer field and bleacher area, one must go through the lawn and stay off the sidewalk-as there are no sidewalk cutouts.
 2. The sidewalk surrounding the restrooms do not connect all around the building-as it cuts off just before you approach the women’s restroom. If you approach from the other side, access is blocked by a large A/C unit in the middle of the sidewalk, making it impossible for a wheelchair and/or walker user to get to the restroom.

ii. Baseball Field

1. The ramps going down to the baseball field and bleacher area have a steep incline and drop off on one side.
2. There is not an open area for someone in a wheelchair to sit next to the bleachers.
3. Access to the concession area is difficult due to the steep incline leading up to the area.

iii. Covered Picnic Area

1. Access to this area is very difficult due to the long, steep incline leading up to it.
2. Once at the top, the picnic tables and their configuration are not accessible.
 - a. No access for a wheelchair to pull up to a table.
 - b. Not enough room for a wheelchair or walker to navigate past the first picnic table-as they are too close together and too heavy to move.

iv. Playground

1. There is no access to this area unless one tries to go through the uneven, grassy area leading up to it.

4. Set Next Meeting Location

- a. January 16, 2020 at a TBD location.

Cindy Pionke, adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.