



Commission Meeting

July 18, 2023

Big Oak Park Concept Plan Approval

Department:	Parks and Recreation
Presenter:	Director McDowell and Director Lampkin
Caption:	Motion to approve concept plan for Big Oak Park and continue with the preliminary and final design process. (Approved by Administrative Services Committee July 11, 2023).
Background:	Big Oak Park is an approved SPLOST 8 Park Improvements Project. This project consist of resurfacing the existing basketball court, adding three (3) pickleball courts, adding a new walking trail, adding a new picnic pavilion with restrooms, adding new fitness area, increasing parking stalls, adding benches and trash receptacles, and adding an open-air structure over the sports court.
Analysis:	On December 8, 2020, Augusta Commission adopted and approved SPLOST 8 projects, and Big Oak Park was a part of this list. Construction is scheduled to commence the first quarter of 2024, if the concept plan is approved. The timeline for construction is 6 to 9 months.
Financial Impact:	Adequate funds have been budgeted and available through SPLOST 8 for design and construction.
Alternatives:	(1) Do not approve Big Oak Concept plan, and risk delaying proposed construction schedule for 2024.
Recommendation:	Approve concept plan for Big Oak Park and continue with the preliminary and final design process.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	N/A