



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

July 27, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall - Massie Chambers

Agenda:

Call to Order

Establish a quorum

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Reports from Staff –Superintendent of Parks and Superintendent of Recreation

Old Business

1. TDEC Benchmarking
2. Soccer Clubs in Goodlettsville
3. LPRF/Rachel's Garden

New Business

4. Pickleball Courts

Comments from Board Members & Staff

Adjournment

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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

May 25th, 2021

6:00pm

Present: Stuart Huffman, Lori Cordell, Dan Sheppard, Jarrod Curcio, Mike Kelly

Absent: Jimmy Anderson, Glen Garrett

Staff Present: Tim Ellis, Sarah Jennings, Jack Presley, Jennifer Spillers, Denise Skaggs

Mike Kelly, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the March meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Lori Cordell, second by Stuart Huffman.

Reports from Staff:

- a. **Superintendent of Parks:** Major project happening has been the redoing all the bridges at Moss Wright Park. These are in house repairs being done, they are concrete bridges connecting the fields to the parking lots. Last bridge to be done will be the bridge from the playground to field 8. Quest tournament was canceled due to soccer field flooding. Hosted a TUSC tournament, fields held up and are coming back strong. Softball this weekend, baseball has two more weeks, hosting sand volleyball leagues and men's softball league. Looking into equipment that can be used to paint athletic fields, spread fertilizer and aerate. Cost of the system is about \$45,000 total: Rig is \$6,000, Satellite system is \$38,000, yearly subscription is \$1,900. This machine could free up two employees.
- b. **Superintendent of Recreation:** Hosted the following events: A spring drive thru for seniors celebrating National picnic day, gave away earth day craft kits, hosted GoodDog easter egg hunt, co-hosted the community easter egg hunt with First Baptist church, co-hosted Spring Fest with a kid's play area. Restarted a lot of in person programming in May. Track averages 30 walkers a day, Zumba has 65 participants, Refit has 20 participants. Pickleball averages 20 participants. Open gym basketball has had 54 adults and 58 youth participants. The following sports have been in progress, Baseball, softball, flag football, soccer, adult sand volleyball and summer Tball. Will be hosting C2 attack volleyball camp. Looking to have all senior programs back by the end of year.

Agenda Items:

Old Business:

- a. **LPRF Grant:** Still have not heard back about the Rachel's Garden grant, they have been slow to make any announcements about awards. Hoping to hear something in the near future. Tim noted that the longer they take the more money they may have in their fund to give.
- b. **TDEC Benchmarking:** For a parks and rec department to receive accreditation, they have to submit all their policies and procedures to prove they fall in line with what their requirements are. City intern, Josh Birchfield, will be compiling our benchmarking documents for his school project.
- c. **Aquatics:** Splash pad opened at the beginning of May due to warm weather and has had very heavy use. Have had an issue with its chemical readings, looking to get those calibrated. We will not be opening the pool this summer. Only three lifeguards applied, and one backed out. Many surrounding cities having same issue of being unable to staff their pool. You will see park staff at Pleasant Green running the pool to keep it strong in hopes of opening next year.

New Business:

- a. **Soccer Clubs in Goodlettsville Parks:** Over past few months we've been doing an evaluation of the use of our soccer fields. Two different clubs are using them, MTFC rec soccer and TUSC travel soccer. MTFC has added a travel program and TUSC would like to expand with a rec program. Since the fields are full, we don't have room for either of the programs to grow. Starting in fall we're hoping to have just one travel and one rec soccer. We have asked the two groups to come to an agreement among themselves, but it's looking like we may need to step in and help them make a decision.
- b. **Volleyball Courts:** We are looking to update or renovate our volleyball courts at Moss Wright or add courts at Peay park. C2 attack has approached us about wanting to host tournaments and grow their programs. Stuart Huffman agreed that it would be beneficial to the city as it would bring in people to our hotels and restaurants. We will be meeting with C2 to get a budget and then move forward from there.
- c. **Wayfinding:** New wayfinding signs have been added to the interstate exits. Phase 2 will be to put signage in Moss Wright park, taking down existing signage and replacing it. Since covid the parks have seen higher use, with many people driving in the wrong direction, hoping new signage will help correct that. Will be putting up new signs within next couple of months. Signs were funded by covid relief money the tourism department received.

Comments from Board Members and Staff: Stuart Huffman thanked the parks department for all their hard work. Dan Sheppard said many people come out of their way to come to our parks because of the diversity of things that our parks offer and that it's something for us to be proud of.

Adjournment: Lori Cordell made a motion to adjourn, second by Mike Kelly.

Next meeting: July 27th, 2021

Sarah Jennings, Recording Secretary

Mike Kelly, Chair