



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

November 23, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall - Massie Chambers

Agenda:

Call to Order

Establish a quorum

1.
 - Dan Sheppard
 - Glen Garrett
 - Jarrod Curcio
 - Jimmy Anderson
 - Lori Cordell
 - Mike Kelly
 - Stuart Huffman

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

2. Approval of July 27 Minutes

Reports from Staff –Superintendent of Parks and Superintendent of Recreation

3. Superintendent of Recreation Report
4. Superintendent of Parks Report

Old Business

5. Soccer Clubs in Goodlettsville
6. LPRF/Rachel's Garden Playground
7. Pickleball Courts
8. Volleyball Courts

New Business

9. Skate Park Presentation- Tony Espinosa
10. Disc Golf- Toby Swager

Comments from Board Members & Staff

Adjournment

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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

July 27th, 2021

6:00pm

Present: Lori Cordell, Glen Garrett, Stuart Huffman, Mike Kelly, Dan Sheppard

Absent: Jarrod Curcio, Jimmy Anderson

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

Mike Kelly, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the May meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Lori Cordell, second by Glen Garrett.

Reports from Staff:

- a. **Superintendent of Parks:** The parks department has a new trash truck. In June it collected 8.4 tons of trash. Company pure green came out and used GPS system to automatically line the fields. They did girls Lacrosse tournament on June 26, 27. With machine, planning to use this Friday to mark soccer fields for first time. Normally a long process, but they're able to schedule it in an Ipad, and it just does it. A company came to cut the fields down, field 5 and 8. Hosted 6u, 8u, and 10u all-star baseball district tournaments. Working on one last bridge, hoping it will be reopened by Friday.
- b. **Superintendent of Recreation:** June/July we offered Intergenerational art classes, line dances, hosted three Music on Mains. Hosted C2 attack volleyball camp, July 4th celebration, job fair and expo on July 13. Current programming includes Zumba, Refit, Senior adult call check, silver sneakers, pickleball, open gym, coffee hour, line dancing, painting and crocheting. Youth tackle football had 3 camps, 150 participants. TUSC had 500 participants in two camps. Tackle football practice starting, flag football starting in October, along with rec soccer, little league softball, little league baseball. Summer t-ball and summer sand volleyball are currently open for registration, completing this Monday. Fall t-ball has 26 participants with registration still open. Registration is still open for girls volleyball. Upcoming programming: bingo, senior concerts, senior day drive-thru, Halloween in park, senior adult boo bash.

Agenda Items:

Old Business:

- a. **TDEC Benchmarking:** Have summer intern working on it, but still have a way to go, so we will continue to work on it. Hoping to finish before end of year. Looking to get benchmarking, tier 2 status. If we apply for grants having this status will help us to look more desirable.
- b. **Soccer Clubs in Goodlettsville:** Last meeting we talked about the overcrowding at Moss Wright Park. There are 2 clubs with 4 leagues between them. MTFC has quest and rec. Tusc has a travel and jr. We evaluated their plans for growth and decided we'd like to just have one rec and one travel soccer program. We have asked leagues to get together to discuss how they'd like to go forward. We have asked for a decision by the end of the week of how to move forward or else we will make the decision for them. Tusc has offered to absorb the 34 quest players with them to keeping the same players fees and coaches and moving their jr. program out to Drakes creek. MTFC is not working towards a resolution. Glenn made motion to say that going forward there should only be one rec and one travel club. Stuart Huffman seconded that motion. A roll call vote was held, all said aye. No nays.
- c. **LPRF/Rachel's Garden-** We received \$350,000 from LPRF, city will match up to \$350,000. Fire dept is continuing to raise funds. Hoping to raise up to 1 million towards building Rachel's Garden. There will potentially be fundraising events in spring. We will have a playground, we're just hoping to make it bigger and better. Project timeline- waiting for notification from LPRF, believe 2 years is the required completion date once from when the funds are given. Rodgers group is donating all stone.

New Business:

Pickleball Courts- Chris Taylor, Sumner County ambassador for USA pickleball, and also an avid player, came to speak to the board about pickleball. He offers support for communities looking to expand their pickleball program. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US, and around the world. It's such an easy sport for anyone to learn. Doesn't require a lot of equipment, just a wiffle ball, paddles, and a net. Can be played indoors or outdoors, on temporary or permanent court, really only need 20x44 feet. Chris complimented the city on wisdom to add permanent pickleball courts, but suggests having a more long-term look towards pickleball. There are tournaments all over country, 1 day events to 3-5 day events that can attract anywhere between 100-1000 people. For City it would mean increased restaurant use, hotel use, store shopping. Chris said that as we think of renovating the tennis courts at Peay Park we should think of how we can expand our pickleball offering.

Questions-

Dan Sheppard asked to Sarah Jennings: On our courts that will be reconditioned, is there big demand? Sarah- Not heavily used because of condition of courts, but there is demand.

Stuart Huffman asked on average for tournaments, how many pickleball courts do you need? Chris- minimum 6, 2 temp courts to warm up on.

Is there an entry fee? Chris- \$45 but you usually get a t-shirt or swag.

Glen Garret asked do you need fencing? Chris- fencing helps to keep you running from ball.

Comments from Board Members and Staff: Tim Ellis mentioned that this past week he spoke to Tony Espinosa, chairman of planning and zoning commission. Tony inquired about skate parks since they like to visit them. Tony would like to come to board to recommend and see what interest is there.

Sarah- There is a group of citizens looking into frisbee golf, will be meeting with them to see what they propose.

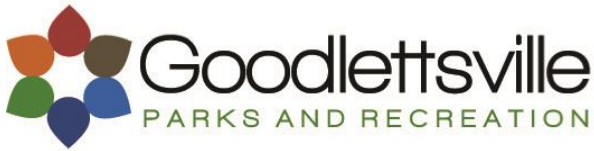
Stuart- We have a lot we can do for this community, both suggestions are great, he's excited for this community and the future of our parks.

Adjournment: Lori Cordell made a motion to adjourn, second by Dan Sheppard.

Next meeting: September 27th, 2021

Sarah Jennings, Recording Secretary

Mike Kelly, Chair



City of Goodlettsville Memo

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August 2, 2021

MEMO (21-004)

To: Middle Tennessee Futbol Club Board
Tennessee United Soccer Club Board

From: Sarah Jennings, Director of Parks & Recreation

CC: Tim Ellis, City Manager

Re: Moss-Wright Park Soccer Fields Facility Use Final Follow-Up

As you know, beginning in February of 2021, Kaleb McKinnie and I began meeting with both TUSC and MTFC concerning the lack of field space and availability of the fields for players within MTFC, MTFC Quest, TUSC, and TUSC Juniors. Each group voiced their frustration with scheduling ahead of each season, which prompted our decision evaluate each program and eventually move toward one recreation and one travel soccer program for the Fall season. These discussions have been going on for several months now, giving each league the opportunity to work together to establish what this would look like for the City of Goodlettsville. A timeline has been provided in Attachment A along with additional attachments to show the communication, or lack thereof, during this process.

We have been clear and transparent about our unwavering decision to move to one recreation and one travel club in the Fall of 2021, and we believe that ample time has been provided to each club to come to a resolution. As we have stated over and over throughout the past few months, there is simply not sufficient space at Moss-Wright Park for two clubs with four different leagues to co-exist. Especially when each league has every intention of continuing to grow their program.

On Wednesday, July 21 we set a deadline of Friday, July 30 for a resolution between the two clubs. Each board member that we have on record was sent notice of this deadline. As of today,

that deadline that has now passed with a proposal from TUSC, no proposal from MTFC, and ultimately, no final resolution from both clubs. While we had hoped that an agreement could be reached internally between the two clubs, that did not happen. Since an agreement was not met by the two clubs, the City will revert back to the original plan that was established in 2004. MTFC will be the sole recreation provider and TUSC will be the sole travel/select provider for the City of Goodlettsville. We will begin the Fall season with this in place, and it will continue for the future of the park. Some guidelines that are important to note within this transition:

- We will have one recreation club (MTFC) and one travel club (TUSC).
- MTFC (Recreation) will only be permitted to have players registered as Division 4 with Tennessee State Soccer. This will be indicated on the rosters submitted each season.
- TUSC (Travel) will only be permitted to have players registered as Divisions 1-3 with Tennessee State Soccer. This will be indicated on the rosters submitted each season.
- TUSC Juniors will not be permitted to play at Moss-Wright Park.
- MTFC Quest will not be permitted to play at Moss-Wright Park unless playing teams from TUSC or participating in a TUSC tournament.
- The Travel club will be the only group permitted to host tournaments.

We have set clear guidelines as to how we will move forward and we expect each club to abide by the plans as they have been set forth. Any violation to the stated guidelines will not be tolerated, resulting in the revocation of the associated clubs YSO Agreement for the season and the future.

Again, we had hoped that an agreement would be made by the two clubs, and it is unfortunate that an agreement was not met. We wish both MTFC Quest and TUSC Juniors the best of luck in their future endeavors, and we appreciate each of you and your commitment to providing soccer to the Goodlettsville Community. We look forward to a fresh start this Fall.