

# Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board Minutes

---

October 22, 2013

6:00pm

Present: Frank Schmidt, Jane Birdwell, Mike Kelly, Sherrie Morrow, Lori Cordell

Absent: Roger Lancina and Glen Garrett

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell and Tim Ellis

Others: John Robertson and Commissioner Jeff Duncan

Frank Schmidt, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to defer to January 28, 2014 meeting by Frank Schmidt and second by Jane Birdwell.

## **Parks Director Report**

Amy Mitchell gave a brief report of special events and project status from August to October.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **Old Business**

- a. LPRF Grant – Amy Mitchell advised that the project was progressing. The cost estimate and bid package was being put together by architect. Staff was gathering quotes on smaller amenities, such as the stage and gym floor cover.
- b. Splash Pad – Frank Schmidt explained that he, Jane Birdwell, and Amy Mitchell visited splash pads in Nashville, Smyrna, and Mt. Juliet to see what type of splash pads Middle Tennessee had to offer and he thought that Goodlettsville should build one that was somewhere between what Smyrna and Mt. Juliet had built. He recommended building it at Peay Park due to the facilities such as bathrooms and concession, parking, and plumbing that currently exists. Lori Cordell stated that she was concerned about the cost and thought that it would hurt the attendance at Pleasant Green Pool. Jane Birdwell stated that she thought it would be a catalyst to Main Street businesses. Related to cost, Frank Schmidt stated that we should look into naming rights for facilities. Tim Ellis said that we need to look into limitations on how the parks were created when it came to naming rights. Lori Cordell mentioned the Memorial Foundation as a possible source of funding for the project. Jane Birdwell asked if a better location existed, such as North Creek Park. Tim Ellis stated that there were limitations at Pleasant Green due to topography issues, Peay could lend itself a little better, but it was rock, the North Creek was starting with no plumbing or electrical, and Moss-Wright Park may work. Lori Cordell wants more information related to naming rights. Frank Schmidt stated more homework needed to be completed such as which location, feelers for funding, and cost.
- c. Restroom/Concession Facility at Football Fields – Amy Mitchell advised that the cost estimate came in about triple what was expected for a restroom/concession facility due to it being located in a flood plain and having to raise the building to above flood plain level. John Robertson asked if it would help if the roads were moved and the building could be built in the curve where the roads currently come together by the football fields. Amy Mitchell will talk with the architect.
- d. Playgrounds – Amy Mitchell advised that the board needed to start thinking about the need for replacing playgrounds in the parks system. All playgrounds are past their intended life and are beginning to cost quite a bit to maintain. Peay Park will have its playground replaced with the LPRF grant. Lori Cordell said that she thought it would be beneficial to have playgrounds at various areas in Moss-Wright Park instead of all together.

### **New Business**

- a. Music City Lacrosse Festival – Amy Mitchell advised the Board that local lacrosse coach, Megan Clark, would be bringing a women’s lacrosse tournament to Moss-Wright Park in June.
- b. Joe Vickers Run/Walk – Roger Lancina had asked this to be on the agenda, but he was not in attendance.

**Comments from Board Members**

John Robertson presented the idea for the indoor sports training facility and stated that he would like to see the revenue from the facility be divided amongst the youth sports leagues the first two years, then after that, all revenue go into a dedicated park fund that would assist with future projects.

Sherrie Morrow said that she would like to see the walking trail lit the entire 2+ mile loop instead of just the original trail loop as it is now.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm with a motion from Mike Kelly and second from Frank Schmidt.