

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board Minutes

April 22, 2014
6:00pm

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

Absent: Glen Garrett

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell and Tim Ellis

Frank Schmidt, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 2014 meeting by Mike Kelly and second by Sherrie Morrow.

Parks Director Report

Amy Mitchell gave a brief report of special events and project status from January to April.

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. LPRF Grant Status – Amy Mitchell informed the Board that the playground at Peay Park would open in approximately two weeks, after testing of the safety surface had been completed, fence installed, and landscaping installed. The Delmas Long Community Center HVAC and fitness room conversion should be complete in June.
- b. Peay Park – Frank Schmidt asked about updates to Peay Park. Amy Mitchell explained that she had asked for quotes for amphitheatres for turnkey projects by a manufacturer to get an idea of cost, but had not received information back from them at the time of the meeting. Frank Schmidt asked Mike Kelly as vice president of Goodlettsville Youth Baseball if there was any impact to the league if the field was not a baseball field and Mike Kelly replied that there was no impact. Jane Birdwell stated that she wanted to see the field developed for other uses such as a bandshell and/or waterpark and Sherrie Morrow agreed that she would like to see it developed for another purpose than as a baseball field. Mike Kelly said that it was better suited to serve more activities than just baseball because it is not used enough. Frank Schmidt asked the Board for recommendations as a multiuse facility. Jane Birdwell said we needed to get a rough design plan. Tim Ellis stated that as the town square area was developed around it, we needed to do a concept of what Peay Park would look like and long term it needed to be something besides a baseball field. Amy Mitchell stated her vision would be for the park to be a gathering place for community events.
- c. Playgrounds – Amy Mitchell stated that progress was being made to upgrade playgrounds in the Parks System. Brooks Park was complete, Peay Park Playground would be complete and open in a matter of weeks, and the budget as proposed for FY14-15 included \$150,000 towards upgrades at Moss-Wright Park.
- d. Mayor's Top Teen – Frank Schmidt announced that Aaron Douglas had been selected as the 2014 Mayor's Top Teen by the selection committee. The awards ceremony will take place May 8, 2014 during the City Commission Meeting.

New Business

- a. Citizen's Board Training – An agenda was given to all members for the Citizen's Board Training conducted by Recreation Education Services. All members were invited to attend the training.
- b. Basketball Goals in Parking Lots – Sherrie Morrow wanted to follow up from a request from a citizen to have the basketball goals at Moss-Wright Park relocated. The board discussed several options, but did not come to an agreement on what, if anything, should be done.

- c. Usage of Trails – Sherrie Morrow brought up the complaint received by a citizen regarding dogs, strollers, bikes, etc. on the walking trail at Moss-Wright Park. Frank Schmidt said that with the greenway plans going through Moss-Wright Park, that it may be time to revisit the ordinance banning dogs because when the greenway opened, it would need to be removed. He stated that the real problem was not so much the dogs, but retractable leashes that owners use that allow the dogs to roam far from the owner and are difficult for runners to see. He suggested that we change to a policy to allow dogs, but only on a leash of a certain size and start educating the public now on the policy change so that when the greenway comes into existence, the public will already be aware of the policy. He also suggested the possibility of allowing dogs at certain hours so that the traffic could be moved off of the street and those who didn't want to run while dogs were allowed could avoid those hours.
- d. Traffic Flow – Mike Kelly stated a concern over the traffic flow at Moss-Wright Park on the side of the park that held all youth athletic activities. He asked if there was anything that could be done about it. Lori Cordell suggested another entrance. Amy Mitchell suggested that we needed to conduct a study to see if traffic patterns could be changed.
- e. Community Garden – Jane Birdwell suggested that the City allow a group to run a Community Garden within the park system. Amy Mitchell expressed concerns over availability of water, that the group was not yet organized, and the need for liability insurance for the group. Jane Birdwell was going to have the interested party get into contact with Amy Mitchell to discuss what was needed for the garden to become a possibility.
- f. WiFi Access – Roger Lancina wanted input from the board about opening wifi access to the public. The board decided that it should be open at the Visitor's Center, but not within the park because of the amount of bandwidth it would take from other city services.

Comments from Board Members

Frank Schmidt told the board that the Goodlettsville 4 Mile Classic would be run by the Goodlettsville Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 2014, supporting the Joe Vickers Benevolence Fund. Mike Kelly said that he had received many compliments about how great the parks are and how beautiful they look and that the improvements have been noticed. He suggested that a community day be organized to help clear out underbrush when that task was needed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm with a motion by Frank Schmidt and a second by Sherrie Morrow.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Frank Schmidt, Chairman