

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board Minutes

March 24, 2015

6:00pm

Present: Lori Cordell, Mike Kelly, Roger Lancina, Rusty Tinnin, Frank Schmidt, David Wrye

Absent: Glen Garrett

Staff Present: Tim Ellis, Dallas Long, Amy Mitchell, Jack Presley

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

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the January 2015 meeting, Mike Kelly stated that an amendment to the minutes needed to be made with the addition of discussion of a monument recognizing the 2012 baseball team that won the Little League Championship. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 2015 meeting by Mike Kelly, second by Rusty Tinnin.

Parks Director Report

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

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. Peay Park – Amy Mitchell stated that she had gone on a site visit with Kyle Dunn with Hart Freeland Roberts to see some splash pads and amphitheatres. There was an amphitheatre in Pulaski that would be a good size for the Peay Park project. HFR should be at the next board meeting to discuss the conceptual design.
- b. Playgrounds – Amy Mitchell informed the board that the playground at Moss-Wright Park was being installed with a completion date of the next week.
- c. Park Signage – Amy Mitchell asked the board for some assistance in directional signage from a park users view.
- d. Memorial Program – Frank Schmidt explained the Memorial and Heritage Tree and Bench program to the board. The tree program would be approved by the city horticulturist and individuals or groups could choose specific species of trees to dedicate or honor a person. The bench program was discussed in depth and the board elected to go with the Rendezvous style bench. Amy Mitchell is to do more research on the bench style and costs related to installation and present a final program to the board at the next meeting. The board will assist this program by designating specific sites within each park as bench locations.

New Business

- a. Vision 2025 – Tim Ellis advised the board that the city was undergoing a process for creating a Vision Plan for the city. He stressed the importance of the board being involved in the process of creating the vision. Public input meetings will be held in the near future.

Comments from Board Members

Frank Schmidt stated that work needed to be done quickly to designate an area and style for the monument. He said that we needed to be mindful that other teams may win world series in the future and that we needed to keep that in mind as approval of this specific monument for the 2012 was approved.

Mike Kelly asked if the City had a safety evacuation plan in place for Moss-Wright Park. Amy Mitchell said that Parks did not have a plan, she would check with the Police department. There is a plan during special events like 4th of July.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm by Chairman Schmidt.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Frank Schmidt, Chairman