

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

March 27, 2018

6:00pm

Present: Lori Cordell, Mike Kelly, Jerry Lawless, Marchelle Perry

Absent: Glen Garrett and Dan Sheppard

Staff Present: Tim Ellis, Amy Mitchell, and Jack Presley

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

Quorum was established.

Reports From Staff

Amy Mitchell, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on all of the special events that had occurred since the January meeting and listed the programs and events that were upcoming.

Jack Presley gave an update of projects that have been completed in the park system over since January.

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. Fitness Equipment – Mike Kelly asked Amy Mitchell to update the board about the fitness area. Mrs. Mitchell advised the board that there was a tentative installation date set for the week of April 23, 2018.
- b. LPRF Grant – Amy Mitchell gave an update to the status of the LPRF grant. She let the board know that the plans were being reviewed by the State of Tennessee and she would be contacting them to see if they could provide an estimate on when plans would be approved.
- c. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Amy Mitchell updated the board with where the Parks and Recreation Master Plan stood. She explained that the Board of Commissioners had talked with the consultants the previous week and that the SWOT analysis and feedback from the community survey was located on the park planning website.

New Business

- a. Volunteers in Parks Program Development – Amy Mitchell explained that the department was forming a program for volunteers in parks called VIP's – Volunteers In Parks and showed the t-shirt that volunteers would receive after committing and undergoing the application process. She stated that there would be opportunities doing projects in parks as well as in programming and events.
- b. Special Needs Programs and Facilities – Mike Kelly expressed the idea of finding a space to create a "Miracle Field" somewhere in Goodlettsville either in an existing park or finding land for it. He thought it would be a good addition to the park system and provide people with special needs an opportunity to play baseball, as well as other sports. He said with the addition of the inclusive playground that the Fire Department is planning and fundraising, it would add a lot of value and benefit to the community. Amy Mitchell stated that the recreation staff was starting to work on finding some key community members to help in the creation of more special needs programming as well. Tim Ellis suggested that we contact Thomas Laird in Murfreesboro to see if he would be interested in talking to the Parks Board at an upcoming meeting about the development of their Miracle Field. Amy Mitchell said she would ask him if he could do that at the May meeting. An idea was presented that the Parks Board take a trip to Murfreesboro to look at their field. All present members were interested in attending this trip.

Comments from Board Members & Staff

- a. Jerry Lawless stated that he and other runners had been experiencing problems with park employees riding the gators on the trail and that the employees were getting too close to runners when going by them.

Adjournment

Lori Cordell made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm, second by Jerry Lawless.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Mike Kelly, Chair