

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

March 26, 2019

6:00pm

Present: Lori Cordell, Jerry Lawless, Marchelle Perry, Dan Sheppard

Absent: Glen Garrett, Mike Kelly, Commissioner Anderson

Staff Present: Sarah Jennings, Amy Mitchell and Jack Presley

Mike Kelly, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the January meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Marchelle Perry, second by Lori Cordell.

Reports from Staff

Jack Presley provided the Board with information related to projects and repairs that the Parks Division has been working on. He also updated them on the status of Moss-Wright Park since flood waters receded. He stated that the waters had affected the soccer fields, trail, and practice fields and that the staff was working to remove sediment and debris from these areas. The soccer league would be impacted for the spring season until fields were suitable for play. Sarah Jennings reported on the activities and events that had taken place since January and explained that a marketing survey had been conducted with some results that were surprising to staff such as email was a preferred method of communication on activities and events and that facebook users would like to see more information related to park updates and information. Because of the survey and public feedback from the Master Plan survey, some initiatives had begun such as Park of the Month, Photo Contests, Naturally Fun, and Park Updates.

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. LPRF Grant – Amy Mitchell gave an update to the status of the LPRF grant. She let the board know that progress was being made on the project and that it was expected to open at some point this summer.
- b. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Amy Mitchell advised the board that the draft had been sent back to the consultants and staff was waiting on a new draft submission. After the draft is approved by staff, it will be sent to the Board of Commissioners for approval and adoption.

New Business

- a. Moss-Wright Park Flooding – As stated in his report, Jack informed the Board on what damage existed at Moss-Wright Park and how staff was making repairs.
- b. Arbor Day Program – Since the Parks and Recreation Board is also the Tree Board, Amy Mitchell asked members to find people interested in serving on a sub-committee dedicated to creating the annual Arbor Day Program and building the framework for a tree management program within the park system. After much discussion, it was determined that 3-5 people serving on the committee would be a good number to begin. Dan Sheppard had some recommendations on assistance in this project from presenters at the annual Lecture Series from the Sumner County Master Gardeners. Amy Mitchell asked board members to let her know prior to April 26 of anyone that may be interested in serving.
- c. Park of the Month – Each month, a park in the park system would be highlighted on the Goodlettsville Parks and Rec facebook page.
- d. Top Dog Photo Contest – As part of the GoodDOG Festival, a photo contest was created so proud dog owners could submit photos and reasons why their dog should be Goodlettsville's Top Dog. 21 submissions were received this first year and the board members selected the top 5 during this meeting. Those top 5 dogs will now be voted on by members of the Goodlettsville Parks and Rec facebook page and the Top Dog will be announced at the GoodDOG Festival.

Comments from Board Members & Staff

Dan Sheppard said that he had been asked if Parks and Rec would consider building outdoor pickleball courts. Amy Mitchell explained that the department was not positioned to do that at the current time, but had received a quote to convert the single tennis court to pickleball courts and were considering that option.

Jerry Lawless asked what Mansker Park was. Tim Ellis explained that the land had been owned by the City even though it was not in the city limits and since that area was the only district in Metro Nashville without a park, that the city deeded that property to Metro Nashville for the development and construction of a park and that Metro Nashville would maintain the park. He explained it would be a great asset to those on the north side of Goodlettsville as it will have a walking trail, shelter, and playground.

Adjournment

Lori Cordell made a motion to adjourn at 6:39pm, second by Jerry Lawless.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Jerry Lawless, Vice-Chair