

# Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board Minutes

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January 22, 2013

6:00pm

Present: Frank Schmidt, Jane Birdwell, Roger Lancina, Lori Cordell, Mike Kelly, Edgar Lowe, Zach Young, Mayor John Coombs

Absent: Glen Garrett

Staff Present: Tim Ellis, Amy Mitchell, Jack Presley

Amy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Quorum was established.

Nominations for Chair and Vic-Chair were conducted. Lori Cordell nominated Frank Schmidt for Chair, motion was seconded by Roger Lancina. Jane Birdwell nominated Mike Kelly for Vice-Chair, motion seconded by Lori Cordell. No other nominations for either position and all in favor.

## **Parks Director Report**

Amy Mitchell distributed and discussed the Director's Report for the first quarter of 2013. Included was information related to improvements to the Community Center and Peay Park through the LPRF Grant. She listed the special events that would take place February through April, advised that youth sports league registration was taking place, and listed the events that took place in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **Old Business**

- a. LPRF Grant – Amy Mitchell advised that the contract for the LPRF grant was expected to be given to the City for signatures in January or February and it was expected that we would receive the final document in April or May and would be able to begin the project at that point.
- b. Brooks Park – Amy Mitchell advised that the dedication ceremony for Brooks Park went very well with good attendance. Plans for the park have not been made, but it would be a small neighborhood park with picnic tables and limited playground equipment.

### **New Business**

- a. Splash Pad – Jane Birdwell would like the Parks Dept to look into grants to provide a Splash Pad at Pleasant Green Park. Roger Lancina stated that this would be a great addition to the park system but thought it may be suited for an area that was not fenced. Frank Schmidt thinks that it should be open for free public use. Roger Lancina made a motion that the board recommends that staff pursue grants for a splash pad and possible feasibility study. Second by Jane Birdwell.
- b. Community Center Needs Assessment – Jane Birdwell wanted to know if the needs of the community were being met with the current community center and thought that it might be time that an addition is considered. Mike Kelly said that the baseball league was working to develop an indoor training facility that could house hitting and pitching lessons, indoor soccer, basketball goals, and meeting space and thought it might meet some of the needs that are currently not being met and that they would be approaching the City with these plans. They want the facility housed at Moss-Wright Park. Amy Mitchell said that it is time to do an informal needs assessment of the community to see what the people want. Frank Schmidt advised that this item needs to be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.
- c. Marketing Campaign – Amy Mitchell wanted to advise the board that the department was about to begin a new marketing campaign and felt that a needs assessment, consideration of improvements to the parks system, and the campaign all went hand in hand.

**Comments from Board Members and Staff**

- Lori Cordell stated that a lot can be done at Pleasant Green Park. Perhaps the indoor facility could be located in that park. She also felt that the Splash Pad would be a great draw for the pool.
- Frank Schmidt wanted to acknowledge that he has noticed over the last several years that the erosion at the creek at the back of the park has consistently gotten worse and something needs to be done about it.
- Tim Ellis gave an update on the greenway master plan and advised that there is no current timetable that he is able to give as to construction beginning.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm with a motion from Frank Schmidt and second from Mike Kelly.

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Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

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Frank Schmidt, Chairman