

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board Minutes

October 28, 2014

6:00pm

Present: Jane Birdwell, Lori Cordell, Glen Garrett, Mike Kelly, Roger Lancina

Absent: Sherrie Morrow and Frank Schmidt

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell and Tim Ellis

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

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 2014 meeting by Lori Cordell and second by Jane Birdwell.

Parks Director Report

Amy Mitchell gave a brief report of special events and project status from April to October. During the report, a discussion about the Swim Team at Pleasant Green Pool developed. Mike Kelly asked if there was a way to increase advertising of the activity, Roger Lancina stated that the short season may be one problem with the low numbers and suggested that it be promoted as an introduction to competitive swimming.

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. LPRF Grant Status – Amy Mitchell informed the Board that the LPRF project was complete and the City was now waiting on the State to close out the grant.
- b. Peay Park – Discussion related to the direction of redevelopment of Peay Park. Jane Birdwell suggested that we look at Market Square in Knoxville as there is an open air theatre. She also suggested that it would be a good location for the Farmer's Market.
Tim Ellis stated that we needed to take into account any future expansion of the community center when discussing redevelopment.
Lori Cordell and Roger Lancina both discussed the need and value of an indoor pool as an addition to the community center.
- c. Playgrounds – Two preliminary playground designs were shown to the Board with discussion on style of play equipment to be installed at Moss-Wright Park. It was determined that a natural theme was wanted.

New Business

- a. Staff Change – Allison Baker, the Program and Events Coordinator, no longer works for Parks, but at City Hall in administration instead. That position to be posted.
- b. Park Signage – A preliminary design for the Moss-Wright Park map was shown and input gathered from the Board.
- c. Site Amenities – Site amenities were discussed for the parks system related to benches and tables
- d. Meeting Dates – It was determined that the 4th Tuesday of every other month starting in January 2015 would be the meeting date for the Parks Advisory Board.

Comments from Board Members

Mike Kelly stated that he wanted to commend the Park Department for how quickly they cleaned up Moss-Wright Park after the storm damage that occurred in August.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm with a motion by Mike Kelly and a second by Lori Cordell.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Frank Schmidt, Chairman