

# Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Tree Board Minutes

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January 24, 2017

6:00pm

Present: Lori Cordell, Mike Kelly, Jerry Lawless, Marchelle Perry, Rusty Tinnin, David Wrye

Absent: Glen Garrett

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell

David Wrye, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the July meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Lori Cordell, second by Mike Kelly.

## **Parks Director Report**

Amy Mitchell, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a brief report of special events and community programs from November to January, as well as upcoming events.

## **Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair**

Chairman David Wrye opened the nominations for Board Chair as required at the first meeting of each calendar year. Lori Cordell nominated Mike Kelly as Chair and Lori Cordell as Vice Chair, second by David Wrye. With no other nominations, both Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Cordell accepted the positions. All in favor.

## **Agenda Items:**

### **Old Business**

- a. Skatepark – Amy Mitchell gave a brief update regarding the Skate Park. She took the recommendation to the City Commission at their December meeting to engage a professional design firm to plan the park. Commissioner Bell asked Mrs. Mitchell to do some more work internally and find out information from various local cities and then bring it back to the Commission.
- b. LPRF Grant Update – Amy Mitchell advised the board that we are still waiting to go under contract and that it is expected to happen in February.
- c. Streambank Stabilization - Amy Mitchell advised the board that the project is being performed under a grant with the Cumberland River Compact and that it is underway. This portion of the stabilization will be near the soccer fields.

### **New Business**

- a. None

### **Comments from Board Members & Staff**

- a. Commissioner Tinnin stated that he had be asked about sponsorship signs. The Board discussed their willingness to discuss and try to put into effect a well planned requirements for these types of sponsorship opportunities. Marchelle Perry suggested that pictures of other facilities with the proposed signage may be helpful.
- b. Jerry Lawless stated that Gateway Park was getting a lot of use and asked if smoking was permitted. Amy Mitchell suggested that signage be installed at all playgrounds suggesting that smoking not be done near the playground.
- c. Mike Kelly asked the status of the Bench and Tree program. Amy Mitchell said it was in effect, but that it hasn't been put on the website yet. Benches have been ordered and some have been installed behind the Visitor's Center and at the Community Center.

Adjournment

Mike Kelly called for a motion to adjourn at 6:33pm, Lori Cordell made the motion, second by David Wrye.

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Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

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Mike Kelly, Chair