

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

July 25, 2017

6:00pm

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

Absent: Mike Kelly

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell

Lori Cordell, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:13pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the July meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Jerry Lawless, second by Marchelle Perry.

Parks Director Report

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

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. Fitness Equipment – Lori Cordell asked Amy Mitchell to let the board know the status of the fitness equipment for Moss-Wright Park that had been discussed at a previous meeting. Amy Mitchell stated that the equipment got budgeted for the current fiscal year and we were at the point in determining where it should be installed. The original location suggested by Amy Mitchell was not going to work due to the amount of activity near that location in the evenings. Glen Garrett suggested that a good location would be in front of field one, located near the trail head. Amy Mitchell said she would measure that area and see how the equipment would lay. All members agreed that would be a good location.
- b. Eclipse Event – Amy Mitchell updated the board about the City's eclipse events. She let them know the kick-off party would be on Sunday, August 20th and the day of event would go from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- c. LPRF Grant – Amy Mitchell gave an update to the status of the LPRF grant. She let the board know that the design for the splash pad was complete and they were about to enter into contracts with an architect and engineer for design services for the restroom building.

New Business

- a. Basketball Court – Jerry Lawless stated that a young man had approached him about a request to add a basketball court for kids to the playground area at Moss-Wright Park. Both Glen Garrett and Lori Cordell said that while the idea was good, short goals in a public park would only be damaged by older kids and adults hanging on them and the Parks Department would too much time and money on repairs. This led to a discussion amongst the board about the need of removing basketball goals from the parking lots. Amy Mitchell stated that there were two goals in Moss-Wright Park and one goal in Peay Park that were located in parking lots. She also suggested that this would be a good thing to look at when working on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- b. Securing Special Events – Marchelle Perry questioned what could be done to bring more special events to the parks, like arts and craft fairs. Amy Mitchell stated that staff did not currently recruit special events and that perhaps that would be something the Tourism Department would do in the future.
- c. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Amy Mitchell advised the board that a Parks and Recreation Master Plan had been approved in the current fiscal year budget and RFP's were currently being accepted.

Comments from Board Members & Staff

- a. Amy Mitchell stated that she appreciated the time that the Parks Board dedicated to meetings and wanted to let them know that she knew their time was valuable.

Adjournment

Lori Cordell made a motion to adjourn at 6:56pm, second by Jerry Lawless.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Mike Kelly, Chair