

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes

November 27, 2018

6:00pm

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

Absent: Mike Kelly and Marchelle Perry

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell, Jack Presley, and Tim Ellis

Jerry Lawless, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from the September meeting, a motion was made to approve the minutes by Lori Cordell, second by Dan Sheppard.

Reports From Staff

Jack Presley gave an update of projects that are in progress or will be completed in the next few months.

Sarah Jennings reported on all recreational activities and events that will take place in the next few months.

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 the renovation on the restrooms had begun and the splash pad would be installed over the winter with a completion date expected no later than May.
- b. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Amy Mitchell advised the board that she and Tim Ellis were meeting with the consultants on Wednesday, November 28th and that a draft was due to the city in the next month with review by the Board of Commissioners after that.
- c. KaBOOM! Playground Project Update – Amy Mitchell, Jack Presley, and Lori Cordell all spoke about the playground build day at Pleasant Green Park. All exclaimed that the project was an unbelievable success and it was interesting to watch and be a part of all of the volunteers coming together for the project.
- d. Rachel's Garden – Amy Mitchell let the board know that the department was partnering with the Christmas for Kids non-profit to bring an inclusive playground to Peay Park. She told them she was in the process of designing the website and that sponsorship materials were being created with an anticipated kick off to fundraising being in early 2019.

New Business

- a. Volunteers in Parks – Amy Mitchell introduced a program that the department was going to implement in 2019, Volunteers in Park, and asked the board members to be involved in the recruitment of volunteers and providing ideas of projects. Dan Sheppard shared his experience with creating projects within Moss-Wright Park and the volunteer recruitment he did for the butterfly waystation and wildflower garden.

Comments from Board Members & Staff

- a. Jerry Lawless thanked the department for hosting the Nashville Strider's 10 Miler event. He said everything went well.
- b. Glen Garrett asked that we look into lightning detection devices for use in the park system.

Adjournment

Lori Cordell made a motion to adjourn at 6:32pm, second by Glen Garrett.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Jerry Lawless, Vice-Chair