

## Minutes Recreation Commission

Thursday, January 10, 2019

The Recreation Commission met on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at noon at the Recreation Complex. Members present were Brent Parsley, Leslie Brasfield, Leslie Trussler, Stan Rogers, Director Bonnie Gamble and Assistant Director AJ Fox. Absent was Chairman Prater Powell and Alderman Chris Elam. Visitors were Scott Van Velsor and Kristin Luna.

The minutes from the last meeting, November 8, 2018 were read. A motion was made by Leslie Brasfield and seconded by Stan Rogers to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed. Director Gamble gave a programs report that the Afterschool program is doing well and there will be a future need for transportation with an additional van to pick up students. The Walk for the Fallen is doing well with over 100 participants. Ball league registration is taking place January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ada Wright Building. We will be starting a new Coed Volleyball league and Amazing Family Night will take place on January 18, 2019.

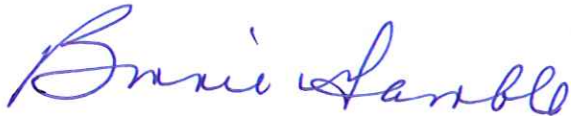
A Maintenance report was then given with an update about the Therapy Pool Heater. The heat exchanger went out and our maintenance staff are putting in a new one themselves to save time and money. The Boyer house kitchen remodel is closed to finish and we hope to have cooking classes begin in March. Athletic field preparation will start soon. The Boyer house renovation into a teaching kitchen and program space means that maintenance use of the garage and house will need to be curtailed. It is the recommendation that a new shop get built adjacent to the old shop in Fred Deadman Park. Maintenance Supervisor Jason Waller believes this can get done in house. He is to get estimates so that it can get submitted in the budget for next year.

Unfinished Business had updates on grant funded projects. Park Partners has achieved all the match money committed to the Soccer Park and Playground grant. They will be able to transfer to the city the remaining \$15,000.00. The Boyer House renovation of the kitchen under the Commit to Health Grant is complete and closed out. Bonnie is finishing up the grant application to the Tennessee Arts Commission for the Creative Placemaking grant. It will be a \$10,000 project if funded for murals along the greenway to create an Art Walk. \$8,000 would come from the Tennessee Arts Commission. She has also done two small grant applications for Mountain Bike Trail development. The dog park is still in progress and the department has partnered with Thunder Radio for a naming contest. Opening of the Dog Park is planned for March 23, 2019. We are also ordering our trees from our Forestry Grant with the goal of a March 17, 2019 "Greening our Park" event. Tree planting will take place with volunteers from Rotary and Interact Club. We are waiting on budget for the design services of Greenway Extension to Bonnaroo from Hart Freeland and Roberts. There will be our first ever Sports Council meeting on January 17, 2019.

New Business: Director Gamble discussed the continued challenges associated with renting out the Ada Wright Building to individuals and families. The misuse and not cleaning up of the renters is putting a strain of maintenance staff and budget in comparison of the revenue gained by rentals. The department has many program uses for the building and also holds meetings there such as the Coffee County Health Council. Discussion took place that the department should first limit rentals before doing away with

them. The new policy would be only one rental a day and to fix a rental fee high enough to cover this. This would eliminate one renter from leaving a mess for the next party to cope with before we would have maintenance in to clean the next morning. We would also have more knowledge that if damage occurs we could pin point it to that one party. It was also discussed to increase the rental fee to comparable to the Amphitheater. Individuals and groups could continue to request financial assistance if they could not reasonably meet these fees. A motion was made by Brent Parsley to increase the rental fee to a daily rental fee instead of hourly with \$200 for a private or for profit organization and \$100 a day for a non profit. Stan Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed. The new fee structure will go in affect starting March 1, 2019.

Respectively Submitted,



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