

## Minutes of the Recreation Commission

Thursday, February 21, 2019

The Recreation Commission met at noon on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Recreation Complex. Members present were Chair Prater Powell, Leslie Brasfield, Leslie Trussler, Stan Rogers, Brent Parsley, and Recreation Director Bonnie Gamble. Absent was Alderman Chris Elam. The minutes from the January 2019 meeting were approved with a motion by Brent Parsley and a second from Leslie Brasfield.

The meeting began with an overview of upcoming programs and events. March will be very busy with the AAU basketball tournaments, one baseball tournament, and one softball tournament. On March 17 will be the "greening of the park" with the community tree planting in the park and on March 23 we will have the grand opening of the dog park. The dog park name will be revealed at this point.

Maintenance work is taking place on the ballfields and the outdoor pool area. The staff have finished the renovation of the kitchen at the Boyer house and the dog park. Prater Powell discussed the possible need to repaint or touch up areas on the T Ball press box.

Unfinished business began with a discussion of the design for murals on the dugouts at the Babe Ruth Field. Kristen Luna had sent some "Looney Tunes" designs. Discussion took place about the designs. A recommendation was made to use the "lighter" in color and design of the Looney Tunes rather than the darker one submitted with the Tazmanian Devil.

Director Gamble discussed possible grant applications that did not require any match. The first is another Commit to Health grant that would allow for purchase of a van or bus. She has applied for this to buy a 25 passenger bus and transport children during the summer from low income areas ( week by week motels) and bring them to the park for their lunch and a play period. The other two are Diabetes grants. Ms. Gamble proposed for one application to work on development of trail head either at the end of the new greenway extension on New Bushy Branch road or the Riverview Alternative school. Discussion took place about the Riverview School as it is no longer in use and jointly owned 60% by Coffee County Schools, and 40% by city schools. The building could get rehabbed and put in a greenhouse, playground outside, and house health education in the building. Brent Parsley made a motion and Stan Rogers seconded that we try to submit a grant application for \$450,000 no match to renovate the Riverview Alternative school for a trail head and pocket park. Motion passed.

The other Diabetes grant project we will submit for \$30,000 would be to expand our Kitchen to Garden programs and develop an outdoors adventure program for youth. The Rec Commission also discussed budget priorities for next year. The recommendation was for the additional boiler and strength equipment.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved with the next meeting Thursday, March 21, 2019 at noon at the Recreation Complex.

Respectively Submitted,

