

## Recreation Commission Minutes

July 11, 2019

The Manchester Recreation Commission met on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at noon at the Recreation Complex. Members present were Brent Parsley, Stan Rogers, Leslie Brasfield, Leslie Trussler, and Director Bonnie Gamble. Absent were Chairman Prater Powell and Alderman Chris Elam. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Bonnie Gamble provided a programs report with highlighting the success of Summer Day Camp numbers and revenue. The department was fortunate to have a good group of counselors. Swim lessons and Summer Day Camp ends on August 2. The new Outdoor Adventure club funded through the Diabetes Initiative grant from the Tennessee Department of Health will start in August when school returns. The monthly program brochure produced through the Manchester Times will now change. The Recreation Department will produce the brochure on a bimonthly schedule and get the advertisers ourselves.

The Maintenance report covered the storm damage to the Dog Park from June 20. A pool umbrella was damaged, a tree fell on the dog park fence and bench and damaged them to the extent that replacement is necessary. These items should come in the next week. The tree was cut down due to worries of future storms causing it to fall. A new scoreboard is now at the T-Ball field provided by Coke per our agreement with them. We are having the old one refurbished so that we can keep it as a replacement should another board go down. The scoreboard on Field 8 in Dave King Park is not working due to underground wiring issues. Maintenance plan to dig this up and replace as soon as ball teams are not using the field and weather permits. The T-ball press box also needs rewiring. Outdoor pool play feature motor is out and a new one is one order.

Bonnie Gamble provided a grants update to the Commission. The Diabetes B Initiative grant contract is approved with a start date of July 1. This grant funds the Outdoor Adventure club for two years and healthy concessions at school events for 2 years. The LPRF Soccer Complex grant contract is approved and will start with bidding out the soccer field lights and the Inclusive playground in Fred Deadman Park. The TDOT Transportation Alternative Grant had the Board of Mayor and Alderman approve the new location for the greenway section from the conference center and waiting for State approval of this location.

The Creative Placemaking grant contract is approved and Bonnie Gamble presented a mural proposal from Matthew Willey for the railroad trestle between Fred Deadman Park and Dave King Park. Mr. Willey has murals across the country and his project would be the first in Tennessee. He promotes the education of the value of honeybees to our environment and this will be the mural. A motion made from Brent Parsley and seconded by Leslie Brasfield to hire Mr. Willey for a mural project funded through the grant. Motion passed.

Bonnie Gamble also presented the contract by St. John Engineering for engineering services for the LPRF Soccer Complex grant. Leslie Trussler made a motion to approve the contract for engineering services with St. John Engineering, Brent Parsley seconded. The motion passed.

New Business concerned a policy for metal detecting in the park. It has been a policy for years not to allow metal detecting in the park; however, it was not found written down in the official minutes. Discussion took place about people digging in the park when the city has the liability for an injuries resulting from falls or turned ankles. Also not wanting anyone going on the ball fields and damaging turf and infields and the playgrounds. Director Gamble said she does not have the staff to monitor where people are metal detecting and if permission is given to one then it must be extended to all. She has had out of town people from Knoxville even call about coming to metal detect. There is also the question of if an artifact is found that if belongs to the state or local government. Leslie Brasfield made a motion that

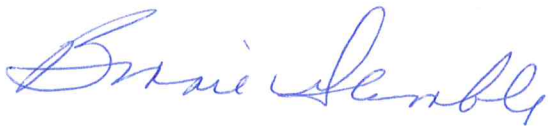
**Metal detecting is not allowed in park properties owned or leased by the City of Manchester except for the following conditions.**

- An individual searching for lost personal items who has contacted park administration and scheduled a time prior to metal detecting.
- Construction excavation sites where park administration has approved open to metal detecting for a defined period. Individuals must schedule and get approval prior to using the metal detectors. Any historical artifacts found however must remain the property of the City of Manchester.

Leslie Trussler seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019 at noon at the Recreation Complex. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,



Bonnie Gamble , Director Parks and Recreation