

# Park Board Minutes

## Scheduled Meeting

**March 1, 2021**

The Parks and Recreation Board met on Monday March 1, 2021 at the Recreation Center at 5:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Marc Betzelberger, VP, George Johnson, Tony Cornish, Steve Taylor, Sandy Still, Mary Grace Phillips, Ricky Overcast

**Other Attendees:** Mike Alsup, Director of P & R, Trevor Freitas, Erin McBee

## Agenda Item # 1 Roll Call

## Agenda Item # 2 Consideration of Additional items to Agenda

- No additional items for the agenda

## Agenda Item # 3 Consideration of Minutes: January 4, 2021

- Tony Cornish motion to approve
- Sandy Still second the motion

**Agenda Item # 4 Director's Report-** Mike reviewed the Director's report for December 2020 and January 2021 for the Parks and Recreation. February report not completed at this time. Mike stated story time with Santa was cancelled due to Covid-19, but we were able to have basketball games. Mike stated the softball restroom ADA upgrade is completed, and parks staff has been working on parking lot accessibility. Parks staff has also been working on ice storm clean up around the parks.

## Agenda Item # 5 Old Business

- A. Playground Grant Process Update: Mike stated the playground install is planned for August, and the old playground will come down after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike stated the playground has been deemed obsolete by TDEC.

- B. Parks & Recreation Center COVID-19 response update: Mike stated with the next City Executive Order may increase the number of players for basketball from 10 to 15, and indoor pool to 60 total and open the outdoor pool for the season. Tullahoma, Manchester, Shelbyville and Fayetteville plan to start their swim teams as normal.
- C. Memory Tree Update: Mike stated the template that was passed prior to the meeting was brought from Fort Smith. Mike stated the larger 2" caliber tree would be the best size to plant due to getting broken or ran over, which would run about \$250.00 a tree by South Branch in Murfreesboro's quote. Marc asked if there was a grant through the Trump initiative? Mike stated you could get spruce from the State, but didn't feel this was the type of tree would work due to size. Rick Overcast suggested calling McMinnville Nursery for wholesale pricing. Marc stated we could call Justin at Woodley Nursery in McMinnville at 615-212-3710. The committee approved to move this project to Council for approval.
- Mary Grace Phillips motion to approve
  - Sandy Still second the motion
- D. Dog Park Grant: Trevor stated he had been researching grants through Dogparkdash.com. Trevor stated this grant has been issued for the last four years, but this year will be the last year for the grant to be given. Trevor stated there are several steps to getting this grant started. First step Executive Summary, second step Land & Letter, Trevor stated we have the land, but we would need a letter from Council. Third step would be submitting the application, and the fourth step would be community support. Marc asked what the vision was for this area? Trevor stated it would be 1.5 acres fenced in for off-leash play, water fountain w/dog fountain on the bottom, and add play toys for dogs. The committee thought it was a great idea and recommended it to be sent to council for approval.
- Steve Taylor motion to approve
  - George Johnson second the motion

#### **Agenda Item # 6 New Business**

- No new business at this time

#### **Agenda Item # 7 Additional Items to Agenda**

- Master Plan: Rick Overcast suggested removing records from the cedar mill land. Mike stated according to the letter the land did not warrant any further testing. Ricky stated council is ready to move forward. Marc stated we need to start a committee and requested volunteers to get this project moving. The committee members will be Mike Alsup, Marc Betzelberger, Sandy Still and Marc suggested Trevor Freitas and Erin McBee be on the committee.

### **Agenda Item # 8 Adjournment**

- Steve Taylor motion for adjournment
- George Johnson second the motion

**Minutes completed by: Frances Simpson**