



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
July 23, 2025, 6:00 PM
Minutes

Chairman: Michael Smith

Council Members: Vice Chairman Matthew Waldron, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Valerie VanOstenbridge

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Smith, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Valerie VanOstenbridge

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brandy King made a motion to approve the agenda, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded the motion, approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Valerie Vanostenbridge made a motion to approve the agenda, Brandy King seconded the motion, approved by all.

PUBLIC FORM

Margaret Brandy Wilkerson wanted to thank us for for keeping Music on Main on the square and wanted us to keep her in mind if we needed her help for Music on Main or for future events.

Allen Colkin lives at Vantage Pointe and he would like to thank the mayor for the symphony concert. He would like to see us get a splash pad setup by Riverview. Michael Smith responded that we are looking to apply for the BCBS grant which could hopefully help pay for something along the lines of a splash pad. Allen Colkin would also like to see the city investing in setting up an amphitheater for concerts in the future.

Mayor Greer reported that the city has been working with an individual who writes grants and they hope that in the future we will be able to secure more grant money for city projects.

PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA has opened Fall registration. In person signups were July 19th. Season will start 8/23/25 and end 10/25/25. We will skip 8/30/25 (Labor Day) and 10/18/25 (Fall break). We have 185 kids signed up, we expect around 30-50 more to sign up.

AC Clark reported that football has started practice.

AC Clark reported that baseball has a U14 team in world series. U6 was 2nd in state, U12 is on day 3 of their tournament.

PARKS REPORTS

AC Clark reported that they have been working for the last couple weeks on who owns the bridge that collapsed. Now that the budget is passed, we can get the engineer back out to look at the bridges to see what all needs to be done and get a plan in place. Four of the bridges can be scaled down since they will only need to be for pedestrians and bikers instead of the original railroad bridges. The other two bridges will need to be as big as they are due to vehicles will need to be able to pass over them since they cant go around them like the other four bridges.

They are still working on getting the agreement finished for the trail expansion, once that is finished, we will send it off to TDOT and the Railroad for a final review and we can continue with bidding the process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park Projects – AC Clark reported that there are four major projects that they are going to work toward the next year:

- The bridges (inspected and fixed)
- Fans and lighting at the stage at Riverbluff
- AEDs at parks
- Johns Park and Park behind Elementary school - \$200,000

Michael Smith requested that we get an update each month on how these projects are going and requested that we get a break down of what all needs to be done at Johns Park and the park behind the Elementary School so that we can start to prioritize the projects.

Book Trail – AC Clark reported that Gabe Smythia will build us another Book Library for the walking track.

Music On Main – Music on Main will remain downtown per the Mayor. AC Clark is working on getting a stage for the day, Renee Cannon reported that the application is available on the city's website already and we have around 10-15 applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Movies in the Park – September (Lilo & Stitch 2) and October (Young Frankenstein)

BCBS Grant – AC Clark reported this is open for the month of August and it is awarded in December. Michael Smith said we will work this in house this year so that we can get it submitted.

OTHER

Heritage Fest – Valerie VanOstebridge reported that her and Kelly Ellis discussed maybe doing a contest to help pick the name for the festival. She reported that Kelly is willing to lead the committee. We are looking at early May 2026, possibly 2nd or 9th. Valerie VanOstenbridge will get the committee here for next months meeting.

Pig out in the Park - The event is August 16th AC Clark reported that about 30-40 people email him interested in the event but only 3 have entered applications. AC is going to reach out to the people again to see if we can get them to enter an application. Ingram Barge is going to sponsor the trophies, Renee Cannon designed the trophies, and they are ready to order. Song writers' round concert will follow the BBQ competition.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandy King made a motion to adjourn at 6:51pm, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded motion - Next meeting August 26nd at City Hall.



Chairman Michael W. Smith



Recorded by Renee Cannon