

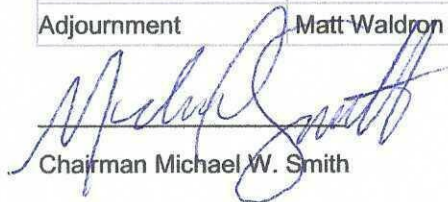


**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**  
Parks Advisory Board  
Date: January 28, 2025  
Minutes



Call to Order	Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01pm
Roll Call	Michael Smith, Matt Waldron, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Valerie Vanostenbridge
Approval of agenda	Matt Waldron made a motion to approve, seconded by Brandy King, approved by all.
Approval of minutes	Brandy King made a motion to approve, seconded by Matt Waldron, approved by all.
Public Forum	None
Partner reports	<p><u>Soccer</u> – Renee Cannon reported soccer will begin on 3/15/25 and end on 5/17/25. There are 159 kids signed up. Coaches meeting will be on 2/9/25 and practice will begin first of March.</p> <p>Matt Waldron asked about CPT/first aid training. He recommended that we pair up with softball and do a training and he would do it as the instructor. Once he has a date scheduled, Renee will get with CCSA's coaches.</p> <p><u>Softball</u> –Matt Waldron reported they started online signups, there are 23 signed up.</p>
Parks report	<p>AC Clark reported that the city has been working on concessions stands at the softball/football field. They did some painting, replaced countertops and lights. They also did the baseball fields concession stand.</p> <p>He reported that the trail extension is still on schedule. RJ Corman confirmed they can remove the 6 million liability line item; we are waiting on Jennifer Noe to approve. We are also waiting on a letter for city council to approve – TDOT is wanting the city to pay 5% of the project overages (around 30,000) once the council approves that will be all the paperwork for the trail. Once that is sent and approved, we can begin bidding for the trail construction.</p> <p>AC also reported that himself, Mayor Greer and Allen Nicholson met with Clarksville Parks, they are wanting to extend the Clarksville trail to meet the Ashland City trail. It would be about 9 miles for the trails to meet, we would have about a mile to make the 2 trails meet. He is hoping this is something we can plan for in the future.</p> <p>AC Clark reported that they received some calls on the utility poles at the basketball courts and their location. He ordered some padding to cover the poles to help reduce the safety concerns.</p>
Old Business	
Parks Advisory Board By Laws	Renee Cannon requested this be closed.
Board Responsibilities	<p>Matt Waldron reported that he spoke with Jennifer Noe about the process of events and the permits. He suggested that people holding the event should come before our board to describe and give details of the events. The board would then give some recommendations. He said that Jennifer Noe didn't see and issue with that process.</p> <p>Matt Waldron made a motion to add a step into the event permit process to add they must be heard by the parks and recreation board prior to the approval of the department heads. Brandy King seconded the motion and approved by all.</p>

New Business	
2025 Park Activities	<p>The board reviewed the 2025 calendar. Michael asked the board to review the calendar and see what we want to do and if we want to add anything.</p> <p>AC Clark brought up the movies in the park and reported that attendance has been low at the past couple times.</p> <p>Valerie made a suggestion that we put a question on Facebook about what events they would like the city to hold.</p> <p>Dance info – The board decided to move the dances to March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. The dances will be held at the senior citizen center. AC Clark will look for a DJ for the events. Attendees will need to do an entry form online so we can get a head count for food and snacks. Reservations will end a week prior to each dance. Renee Cannon will work on a flyer to pass out to churches and other community spots. Renee Cannon will also reach out to Kona Ice and The Dip to see if they are interested in setting up.</p> <p>Food Truck Monday – AC Clark asked how the board felt about the food trucks. Matt Waldron suggested we do this every Monday starting at 11 to 2. Renee Cannon asked if we could put up feather flags on Monday only for food trucks, AC said he would check with Allen Nicholson.</p> <p>Music in the Park – The board decided to do music on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. AC Clark is working on getting bands/musicians scheduled.</p>
Park Concessions	Michael Smith closed this item.
Committees	<p>Michael Smith would like a beautification committee to help do little projects around the city to help enhance the look and feel of the city. Valerie stated that getting more people involved will help the people of the city feel invested in the city and will help with city moral. He also suggested an Arts committee and Mayor Greer suggested getting Jessica Crouch involved.</p> <p>Valerie Vanostenbridge suggested a community engagement committee to help get some ideas on what the citizens would like to see around the town.</p> <p>Michael Smith asked the board to think about what committees we would like to start.</p>
Caldwell Park	<p>Michael Smith would like us to think of ideas to for us to hold at least 1 event in Caldwell Park. Matt Waldron would like to see a shooting range put in the back of Caldwell Park.</p>
Other Items	
Next Meeting	February 25, 2025, at 6pm
Adjournment	Matt Waldron made a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm, Valerie Vanostenbridge seconded motion.

  
Chairman Michael W. Smith

  
Recorded By Renee Cannon