



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
June 24, 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, Matt Waldon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brandy King made a motion to approve the agenda, Renee Cannon seconded the motion, approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brandy King made a motion to approve the agenda, Renee Cannon seconded the motion, approved by all.

PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA has opened Fall registration. In person signups will be 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).

AC Clark reported that 2 baseball teams will be going to state, 14u and 6u.

AC Clark reported that football starts next Monday.

Matt Waldron reported that softball finished last Friday after some rainout and suspended games. Softball has worked out a schedule with football so that Softball can have a fall season. He is hoping it will be the month of September for the season.

PARKS REPORTS

AC Clark reported that they are still waiting for the railroad agreement from the attorney. Once that is finalized, we can start the bidding process.

There is still no word on who owns that land where the bridge fell on the trail. There is a homeowner that believes the bridge is on their land, but the Corp does not agree. The city is working to get confirmation on who owns the land. Once the budget is passed, we can get the other bridges on the trail looked at and see if they/what need repairs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2025-2026 Park Events – We had to swap Pig out in the Park from July to August. Touch a Truck, Kidsfest and Firetruck Extravaganza to July 26th from 10am to 2pm.

The board decided to move Music on Main to Riverbluff Park for 2025. For 2026 we will add arts to the Music on Main festival then in Spring 2027 we will have the Heritage Festival at Riverbluff Park.

Christmas Parade – The mayor would like us to pick a theme, he suggested Christmas songs. We will cap off each song with 2 entries. Renee Cannon reported that Bruce's Buddies reached out to her and would like to set up in Higher Propane and have requested that no music be played until Pemberton Street. The board agreed to this setup, Renee Cannon said she would get with Jody and Ginger (Bruce's Buddies).

Farmers Market – Renee Cannon reported the market is going good, the attendance for vendors and community has been good. The staying open to 1 hasn't been as good, some vendors still leave at 12 and business isn't as steady as we would hope staying open would do.

Heritage Festival – Spring 2027 we will have the Heritage Festival at Riverbluff Park.

Community Garden – Tabling until July.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 & 2026 Park Projects – Michael Smith would like AC Clark to give us a list of what is needed in the parks and we as a board decide what needs to be done in an orderly fashion. AC Clark reported that the line item for Summerfest is 75,000 and would like to use some of the hotel/motel tax money to help offset the line item. We will still have some extra left in the hotel/motel tax money pot to use for park projects.

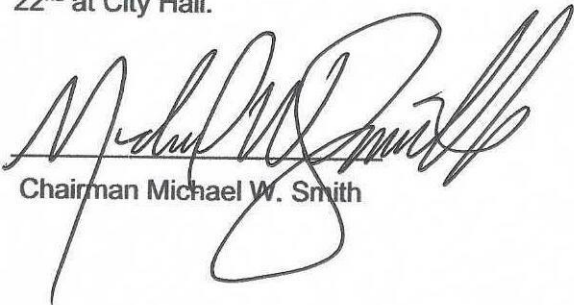
Story book Trail – Michael Smith reported that the book trail is not on the towns website. Renee Cannon will get his added under the Preacher Poole Recreation tab of the website.

Music on Main 2025 - The board decided to move Music on Main to Riverbluff Park for 2025. For 2026 we will add arts to the Music on Main festival.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Waldron made a motion to adjourn at 7:19pm, Brandy King seconded motion - Next meeting July 22nd at City Hall.



Chairman Michael W. Smith



Recorded by Renee Cannon