



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
Date: March 25, 2025
Minutes



Call to Order	Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
Roll Call	Michael Smith, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Matt Waldron, Valerie VanOstenbridge
Approval of agenda	Valerie VanOstenbridge made a motion to approve, Matt Waldron seconded by, approved by all.
Approval of minutes	Brandy King made a motion to approve, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded by, approved by all.
Public Forum	None
Partner reports	<p><u>Soccer</u> – Renee Cannon reported that soccer started last weekend, they had a good turn out for their opening ceremonies and games. Soccer will skip this weekend, pictures will be April 5th then they will play till May 17th, skipping April 19th. She reported that they have 261 kids signed up.</p> <p><u>Softball</u> – Matt Waldron reported that they have 3 teams this season, with 37 kids. Their season will start 4/4/25 ending 6/2/25. They will be hosting the 12u district tournament, June 12-15. He would like the parks department to drag the fields if possible, early in the morning when they are wet.</p> <p><u>Baseball</u> – AC Clark reported baseball starts April 5th.</p>
Parks report	<p>AC Clark reported that the new trail hasn't had any movement. Their zoom meeting has been canceled due to nothing new to report from TDOT.</p> <p>There was bridge that fell on the trail, insurance came out and looked at the bridge and turned in the paperwork. The parks can't do anything with the bridge until insurance gets with their expert to figure out why the bridge fell. Cheatham Dam campground opens 4/1/25.</p>
Old Business	
Daddy/Daughter Mother/Son Dance	Renee Cannon reported there were around 100 people signed up for each event. The daddy daughter dance had a great turn out, the mother son one did not have as much of a turn out. She reported that we may need to look at doing 1 event next year and combine both dances at a bigger venue.
2025 Park Activities	<p>AC Clark Nashville Symphony will be coming out April 17th for a site visit to confirm if they will be able to set up at Riverbluff. AC will get with the Pig Out in the Park vendors to see if they would rather move this to fall instead of the summer.</p> <p>AC Clark reported he would like to add the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sips & Strokes – hot chocolate and paint (for kids) November2. Firetruck water day – as long as insurance approves it the fire department is ok. He reported that the fire department would do little obstacle courses for the kids to do.3. Adult Kickball League CoEd – 10 weeks on Wednesday or Sunday <p>Renee Cannon reported that Food Truck Mondays start 4/7/25, we have 12 vendors signed up. With a good variety and the majority said they will be there each Monday. AC Clark asked that she check with them to see if they wanted to be in the parking lot or by the pavilion. Renee Cannon also reported she will get the permit guys to make sure they are all set.</p>
Committees	<p>Michael Smith reported he wants to keep this open to be able to jump into using committees if needed for events. He would like to create a town beautification committee to help clean up the town and add some new items to the town. He would like to invite the town business owners to get their input and see what they would like to see.</p> <p>Valerie VanOstenbridge would said the approach to the business is very important and she doesn't want to stress them out more. She said we need to look at ways to get them motivated to get on board and let me see this is going to be good for the town.</p>

Caldwell Park	<p>Valerie VanOstenbridge reported that she spoke with Siera Kanus and the master gardeners, and they are open to start the gardens but once they are setup the city will have to maintain it. They would need a water hookup.</p> <p>Valerie VanOstenbridge and Siera Kanus talked about doing a Musicians Walk at Caldwell Park – similar to the Storybook trail. We would need to look for local famous musicians that we could put out bios on and then a scannable code to be able to listen to their songs. Valerie VanOstenbridge will work on getting a list for next month and we will see what we need to get the trail in a better state for everyone to be able to use.</p>
New Business	
Heritage Festival	<p>Valerie VanOstenbridge reported that she talked to some of the divisions she set out and they all seemed to be on board. The event will be held at Riverbluff, she has the following ideas for each division:</p> <p>Churches- Choir sing off, apple pie bake off. CCHGA - might be able to do a live history show or a trivia game. Main Street Businesses – need to think of something Non-Profits – Angels awards for non-profits (the chamber has monthly meetings for non-profits) Sports Leagues – Ultimate Athletes, choose one from each sport and choose something for them to do. Cheer/band competitions Schools – Art show or fair Farmers – Husband calling contest or biggest vegetable/fruit</p> <p>Brandy King made a motion to see if we can get a representative from each division to come to the next board meeting to discuss, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded motion.</p> <p>Divisions: Main Street, First responders, sports teams, schools, non-profits, Churches, Chamber, CCHGA, Farmers</p>
Farmer's Market	Renee Cannon reported there are 44 vendors signed up, 15 have paid. It will run May 10 th through Sept 27 th , 9am to 12pm
Bicentennial Trail	AC Clark covered this in his parks report.
Other Items	
Next Meeting	April 22, 2025, at 6pm
Adjournment	Valerie VanOstenbridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Rene Cannon seconded motion, meeting adjourned.

Chairman Michael W. Smith

Recorded By Renee Cannon