



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
September 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 6:03pm

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Matt Waldron made a motion to approve the agenda, Brandy King seconded the motion, approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matt Waldron made a motion to approve the agenda, Valerie Vanostenbridge seconded the motion, approved by all.

PUBLIC FORM

None

PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA's season is going good. They have pictures this weekend, night games next weekend, skip October 18th and then tournaments October 25th.

Matt Waldron reported that football using the concession stand during the Fall is causing softball to be unable to have a Fall season. Without the Fall season it causes softball to continue to fall off in the number of participants. Softball needs the concessions stand profits to help with the cost of running the league. He would like the parks board to start to look at how leagues that share facilities can use resources and space so that leagues continue to grow.

PARKS REPORTS

AC Clark reported that there is a meeting next Monday to help clarify the owner of the land where the bridge is down. The meeting is with City officials, Core of Engineers, TN Parks and Greenways and Shannon Perry.

AC Clark and officials met with CSR at Johns Park to discuss upgrades, they will be able to fix drainage and make the park ADA complaint. The \$200,000 won't be able to go toward dirt work or grading.

Matt Waldron brought up concern about the fields needing to be playable for the kids. Each field (4) needs work in order for the fields to be playable during the season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Music on Main – Renee Cannon reported that 100 vendors are signed up, 80 have paid and 20 still need to pay. On the t-shirt preorder there were 54 and we ordered an additional 50 to sell the day of the event. She also reported that she met with Kevin Thompson to go over Fall decorations and those will be picked up on Friday Oct 3rd.

AC Clark reported there is a meeting with Volunteers (8) on Thursday at 9am. 100 posters were order, if you preordered a shirt or buy one the day of the event, you will get a poster.

Trail Update, Phase I & II – AC Clark reported that Phase I is waiting to go out to bid, the agreement we were waiting since May, now isn't needed (waiting on approval that we don't need to agreement) once we have that we can bid this out.

Phase II bids (4) have come through, CSR won the bid and are currently working on starting the project. Phase II will be from Midway/Mulberry Street (behind the post office) to the Bypass north (Dillon Transportation)

Trunk or Treat – Renee Cannon reported that 4 vendors are signed up, event will be from 4 to 7 with the movie to follow.

Heritage Festival, Committee Formation – Valerie VanOstenbridge reported that Kelly Ellis will head the committee and has formed the committee. Committee members are Sheila Teasley, Shirley Noe, Aleshia Garrett, Valerie VanOstenbridge, Gary Merritt and Lisa Walker. Matt Waldron made a motion that we approve committee members, Brandy King seconded motion, approved by all.

Valerie VanOstenbridge mentioned that the committee wants to do a naming contest that goes into the schools and the winner's classroom will get \$100. Renee Cannon recommended taking a one from the school submissions and then 2 from the public for the 3 submissions to the board. Deadline for submissions would be 11/1/25, committee would submit 3 to parks board for November 25th meeting.

The first festival will be May 2, 2026. Valerie VanOstenbridge made a motion, Matt Waldron seconded motion, all approved.

Matt Waldron made a motion to change the above motion – changing the date for the Heritage Festival from May 2, 2026 to Oct 3, 2026. Brandy King seconded motion, approved by all.

Outdoor Nerf Party – Renee Cannon reported there are 70 kids signed up for the event. She reported she has made 15 PVC walls and 8 foam board barnacades to use instead of pallets.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER

Community Center - Michael Smith brought up a concern about what the community is saying about the kids not having anything to do. He would like this board to think outside the box to find ways to bring activities to the kids. He would like us to find a way to repurpose an old city business into a community center.

Master Plan – Matt Waldron would like the board to put out an RFP to do a Parks Master Plan.

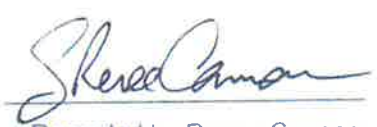
Holiday Market – Renee Cannon reported that Market vendors had an interest in doing a holiday market. She reported that she will do a market on 11/1/25 & 12/12/25. Current vendors can do it for free and new vendors will be \$25, more details to come.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandy King made a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm, Matt Waldron seconded motion - Next meeting October 28th at City Hall.



Chairman Michael W. Smith



Recorded by Renee Cannon

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