



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
 Parks Advisory Board
 Date: February 28, 2024
 Minutes



Call to Order	Matthew Waldron called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
Roll Call	Present: Michael Smith, Matt Waldron, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Anthony Clark and Mayor JT Smith Nerissa Aquino has resigned from the board via Email on February 20, 2024.
Approval of agenda	Mayor JT Smith made a motion to approve, Brandy King seconded motion, approved by voice vote
Approval of minutes	Mayor JT Smith made a motion to approve, Brandy King seconded motion, approved by voice vote
Public Forum	Sandra Gregory reported they had a board member retire from the Friends of the Bicentennial Trail group. They are ready and waiting for the extension to start. She also mentioned that the Dottie house is for sale and part of the Trail extends into that property so the City needs to keep an eye on that and make sure we can keep that part of the trail.
Partner reports	Soccer - Renee Cannon reported that Cheatham Soccer has begun practice. They have 28 teams with 230 kids and counting. Season will begin March 16 and go through May 18 th . Softball - Matt Waldron reported that the last day for sign ups was 2/24/24 and they will have 6 or 7 teams this season. He reported that he went to the District Meeting with Diamond Youth Baseball where is learned a lot about State Tournaments and the amount of money that it brings to the City's that are hosting these events. The State Tournament will be held in Fairview this year and it will bring 5 or 6 million dollars of revenue into the city over the 5-day event. He said that he believes once the new fields are built and we can start putting in bids to host State Tournmanents that will bring a good source of revenue into Ashland City if we are able to host. Basketball – Anthony Clark reported that baseball has started practicing. They are still waiting to hear from West Cheatham to see if they will have enough players to have a team if not they will move down to Ashland City.
Parks Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anthony Clark reported that the boat ramp extension has been completed. The crew started last Sunday and finished up on Wednesday. This extension was to the road so that 2 boaters could unload at once. There will be a tournament on May 4th and 5th hosted by Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce and TN Bass Nation as well as an event June 9th through 15th hosted by the Cheatham Chamber of Commerce and the National Bass Tournament. 2. Anthony Clark reported he is working the Public Works department on getting the concrete pad for Cheatham Soccer's storage unit. 3. Anthony Clark reported they are still waiting on 1 signature from RJ Corman to begin the trail extension. He reported that Mayor JT Smith, TDOT and Mayor McCarver have all attempted to reach out to RJ Corman to get signature but have not been able to get it. 4. Anthony Clark stated they are currently getting bids to fix the pavement on the trails where roots have come through or parts have broken off. There are around 100 spots that need repaired.

Parks Reports	5. Matthew Waldron inquired about the construction crew at Johns Parks being able to smooth out the backside of the ball fields when they have completed construction to help with water draining. Mayor JT Smith reported that he spoke with the subcontractor of Reeves + Young that is working at the park and he said his crew would smooth out the ruts once they are done.
Old Business	
Parks Facebook Page	Renee Cannon reported that the page is up and running. She wanted to wait to start posting and sharing until the 2024 calendar was locked in. She said we need to start sharing it out and getting the page populated. The page name is Ashland City Parks and Recreation.
2024 Event Calendar	The board discussed the 2024 Event Calendar that Renee Cannon handed out. The board removed and added a couple items then approved the calendar.
Caldwell Park	Michael Smith asked if there was any kind of events we could do at Caldwell Park to get the public interested in the area. Anthony Clark reported that in its current state it will be hard to do events there as there are no bathrooms, parking or ADA accessibility.
AARP Livable Grant	Matthew Waldron made a motion to close this since we don't have much time to apply, Brandy King seconded motion, approved by voice vote.
New Business	
Farmers Market	Renee Cannon reported there are 25 vendors currently signed up and she expects it to grow as we get closer to the season starting.
Food Truck Monday	Renee Cannon reported there are 16 food truck vendors signed up and there is interest from the food trucks for both lunch and dinner services. She will start getting these scheduled out. She also reported that since there was an issue with vendors not showing up last year with no notice that she would start emailing them the week before and have them confirm they will be preset.
Other Items	
Open Position	Mayor JT Smith appointed Sammy Naquin to the Parks Advisory Board to fill Nerissa Aquino's position which will run to April 2025.
Next Meeting	March 19th, 2024 at the Senior Citizen Center, 6:00 pm
Adjournment	
Adjournment	Matt Waldron made a motion to adjourn at 7:05pm, Brandy King seconded motion, approved by vote.

Chairman Michael W. Smith

Recorded By Renee Cannon