



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
 Parks Advisory Board
 Date: July 25, 2023, 6:00 PM
 Minutes



Call to Order	Michael Smith called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Roll Call	Present: Michael Smith, Renee Cannon, Nerissa Aquino, AC Clark, Mayor JT Smith Absent: Matt Waldron, Brandy King
Approval of agenda	Mayor JT Smith made a motion to approve agenda, Nerissa Aquino seconded motion. Approved by voice vote
Approval of minutes	Minutes were not available, tabled till next meeting.
Partner reports	<u>Soccer</u> – Renee Cannon reported that they are still doing signups. They expect 20-40 more kids once school starts. The season will start in August and run through October. <u>Baseball/Softball</u> – AC Clark reported both sports are done for Spring. Baseball is hoping to have a Fall season. New dirt was delivered and spread out on the upper softball field. <u>Basketball</u> – AC Clark reported that basketball has started signups. <u>Football</u> – AC Clark reported that football has started practicing.
Parks Reports	AC Clark reported that we have 4 new Pickleball courts at John Pools Park. This addition now makes 6 pickleball courts. Mr. Clark reported that the sport is going, a large number of Braxton Hicks residents attend the courts each morning. AC Clark reported that parks employees are also working on cleaning up the trails from the recent storms.
Old Business	
Halloween Event	Michael Smith reported that the event has been approved by council for October 28 th from 4pm to 9pm. Mayor JT Smith made a motion that we do the event, Nerissa Aquino seconded motion, approved by vote. Renee Cannon made a motion for the Adams Family (original) movie be shown at the event, Nerissa Aquino seconded motion, approved by vote.
Bi-Centennial Trail	Anthony Clark reported that TDOT is requiring a 25-year contract since the upgrade is over 1 million dollars. Mayor JT Smith has made several calls to RJ Corman and Grant Channey to see if we can get a 25-year plan approved, but he has not received a response. If we do not get approval from RJ Corman by the end of Aug then the TDOT Grant will be canceled. AC Clarks said he has spoken with TDOT about an extension or if canceled about reapplying. AC Clark and Mayor JT Smith have a meeting with TDOT on Thursday (7/27/23) and they hope to have more answers to next steps.
Banner	The board spoke again about getting banner(s) for advertising of events. AC Clark said he would speak with Bug Allen to see what the city ordinance is for flags and banners.
HCA Grant	Michael Smith reported that the grant for the HCA Grant (playground) will need to be turned in next month. He reported that he gave the previous years grant information was passed along to Tim Atkins to see if he can polish up this years proposal for the grant.
Cheatham. Co. Stars	AC Clark reported that the city came to an agreement that the football program will alternate season between Ashland City and Pleasant View regarding where games will be played.
Mistletoe Trail	Michael Smith reported he City Council approved the startup of the Friends of Ashland City Parks 501(c)3 which will help raise funds for events in the parks.
New Business	
Park Board Duties	Michael Smith tabled this till the next meeting when the whole board is present.
Caldwell Park Activities	Michael Smith asked the board to brainstorm some activities that we can do at Caldwell Park. He also said this would be a good task for the Friend of the Ashland City Parks to help plan some activities.
Music on Main Logo	Michael Smith requested that Renee Cannon send out the logo designs and we can vote by email since 2 members were missing. He also said he would like to pick one logo and leave it at the for future events.

Ongoing Parks Events	
Food Truck Mondays	AC Clark and Mayor JT Smith reported that the event is going well, they are getting good responses from the vendors and customers.
Music in the Park	Renee Cannon reported that we have 1 music event left, Devin Williams. She also reported there are 4 food trucks lined up to join. AC Clark hopes this last music event will be better than the last ones regarding attendance.
Movie in the Park	AC Clark reported the last movie is DC Pets. He suggested that we do 1 movie in the fall and 1 movie in the spring. The summer movies have to get started very late due to the sunset which has people leaving mid way through. Renee Cannon reported there are 3 food trucks lined up and requested that we think of other kids events to do in the summer for next year.
Music on Main	Renee Cannon reported that she has 88 vendors that have filled out an application. She said she would continue to send out emails to get more vendors involved. She asked that Michael Smith get the music acts for the event. AC Clark is going to see how much power we have in the event area, once that is done Renee Cannon can place the vendors and then payments can start to be collected.
Other Items	
Boat Dock	Michael Smith reported that there has been some suggestions to move the boat dock down and install a new one. This would help resolve the issue of boaters and people finishing having to share the dock. AC Clark reported that he has approval from the Corporation of Engineers to widen the boat ramp. He stated he would get in touch with the Manager of the finishing tournament to see if he can help with resources to widen the ramp. If the ramp is widened we could have bigger finish tournaments.
Adjournment	Mayor JT Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting, Nerissa Aquino seconded motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59PM. Next meeting will be August 29 th at 6:00PM at the Senior Citizen Center.

Chairman Michael W. Smith

Recorded By Renee Cannon