



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY**  
Parks Advisory Board  
Date: September 26, 2023, 6:00 PM  
Minutes



Call to Order	Michael Smith called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Roll Call	Present: Michael Smith, Matt Waldron, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Nerissa Aquino, Anthony Clark and Mayor JT Smith
Approval of agenda	Mayor JT Smith made a motion to approve the agenda, Nerissa Aquino seconded motion. Approved by voice vote
Approval of minutes	Matt Waldron made a motion to approve the minutes, Brandy King seconded motion. Approved by voice vote.
Partner reports	<p><u>Soccer</u> – Renee Cannon reported CCSA is mid-season. They have pictures coming up this weekend. Tournaments are 11/4/23</p> <p><u>Baseball/Softball</u> – Anthony Clark reported that baseball is mid-season, no issues.</p> <p><u>Football</u> – Anthony Clark reported that football is mid-season. They have 4 teams only 1 loss, no issues.</p>
Parks Reports	<p>Anthony Clark reported everything is running smoothly. He had a meeting along with Mayor JT Smith, the County Mayor, Chamber of Commerce with Bass Masters to discuss widening the boat ramp and extending the dock at Riverbluff Park. Bass Masters is donating labor and volunteers to help with the updates and Mayor JT Smith is working on getting the materials donated. Once everything is set up Bass Masters will come in on a Thursday to start the project and be done by Sunday. This update will allow 2 boats to unload at the same time and extend the current dock. With this update, Bass Masters is hoping this will allow Ashland City to hold more fishing tournaments at a large scale.</p> <p>Nerissa Aquino inquired about the BlueCross BlueShield grant that we applied for, Anthony Clark said we should have a decision in December.</p>
Old Business	
Music on Main	<p>Anthony Clark reported that music and sound are lined up for the event, port-a-jons are ordered, TDOT will place the message boards out Friday and he has about a dozen volunteers to help get everything set up. He also arranged to get mums, hay bales and corn stalks to decorate the event with, these will be delivered Saturday morning.</p> <p>Renee Cannon reported that 90 vendors have paid and 21 have not paid. She has contacted them all via text and email to get their booths paid as soon as possible so she can send out layout and arrival/departure details to the vendors. Roads around the event will close at 8am, vendors will arrive between 8:00 am and 9:15 am with all vehicles out of the area by 9:30 am. At 4:00 pm the event will end and vehicles can start coming in for vendors to pack up, they must be done by 5:00 pm when the roads open back up. She reported she will get vendor signs to put out on the morning of the event so vendors can find their spot along with help from the volunteers.</p>
Halloween Event	Renee Cannon reported that the event has changed, it will be a Trunk or Treat and movie only. We have about 10 people signed up to set up at the trunk or treat so we need to spread the word for people to sign up. The event will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Anthony Clark said he would get the movie ordered (Aadams Family 2)
Facebook Page	Anthony Clark reported that himself and Renee Cannon took the first part of the training that the city needed them to do and that once we get the second one done (isn't available until January) that we should be able to get a Facebook Page for Parks and Recreation to help get the word out about events and things happening in the parks.

## New Business

Christmas Event	<p>Anthony Clark reported that the Christmas Parade is 12/02/23 and the theme is Christmas Around The World.</p> <p>Anthony Clark reported that the Mistletoe Trail schedule is out, they plan on doing 4 events plus the Tree Selection. These will run from November 25 through December 12. He had some question that Valerie Kemp needed answers to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does she need to get insurance or will it be covered under the City's insurance – Mayor JT Smith said he would get with Violet Black to see if this will be covered through the City's insurance and get back with Valerie on it.</li> <li>2. Will the Parks Board be able to help by volunteering at the events – several of us will check the dates and see when we are available.</li> <li>3. Will the City be able to promote on their social medias – Mayor JT Smith will check and make sure this is ok to promote on the City's social and get back with the board.</li> <li>4. There is a meeting at the Cheatham Chamber on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Would a Parks Board Member be able to attend – Michael Smith said he would attend on behalf of the board.</li> </ol>
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Next Year Calendar	Michael Smith asked the board to get some ideas of events together for 2024. He would like us to have a full year of events to give to the city so they can make sure everything is covered under insurance.
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Riverbluff Park security	Closed
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## Other

Matthew Waldron	Matthew Waldron asked if the city could help promote the High School Homecomings and ask the business on Main Street to decorate. Mayor JT Smith said he would get with Violet and see what we could put out to social media and businesses.
Nerissa Aquino	Nerissa Aquino asked if there was a point person for the Disc Golf Course at John C. Poole Park. Anthony Clark said that there isn't a point person, there is a Facebook Page for the golf course that she could reach out to get more information.

Adjournment	Mayor JT Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm , Michael Smith seconded motion. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be October 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at the Senior Citizen Center.
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Chairman Michael W. Smith

  
Recorded By Renee Cannon