

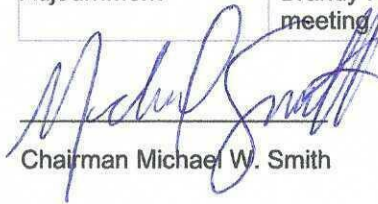



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
Date: February 25, 2025
Minutes



Call to Order	Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
Roll Call	Michael Smith, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Valerie VanOstenbridge Absent: Matt Waldron
Approval of agenda	Brandy King made a motion to approve, Renee Cannon seconded by, approved by all.
Approval of minutes	Brandy King made a motion to approve, Renee Cannon seconded by, approved by all.
Public Forum	None
Partner reports	<u>Soccer</u> – Renee Cannon reported soccer will begin on 3/15/25 and end on 5/17/25. There are 232 kids signed up. <u>Baseball</u> – AC Clark reported baseball is starting practice on Saturday.
Parks report	AC Clark reported that everything is turned into TDOT and RJ Corman. He reported we are waiting on RJ Corman for one more item then it can be put out to bid in April. They are hoping to start in August 2025 and finish in August 2026. Valerie VanOstenbridge asked what the one thing we are missing. AC Clark reported they are waiting for a public report for railroad use or we can go on without it per TDOT. He reported that since the railroad hasn't been used since the 70s there shouldn't be an issue. TDOT will continue with the process and if the public report is needed the city will provide it.
Old Business	
Daddy/Daughter Mother/Son Dance	Renee Cannon reported there are 68 people signed up for the Daddy/Daughter dance and 66 people for the Mother/Son Dance. She reported that candy and decorations have been ordered. AC Clark reported that a photographer and DJ have been lined up for both events.
2025 Park Activities	Michael Smith reported that the mayor would like to do an Arts event in April/May 2026. Valerie VanOstenbridge reported she would like to do a heritage festival. This would hopefully pull in first responders to do safety lessons/skills, churches to do bake sales and schools do arts for the kids and nonprofits would have info on their missions. Have local business have booths to promote their business. We could do 3 legged races, egg races, turtle races and any other friendly competitive races. Bucket brigade buckets, since Ashland City burned down 2 or 3 times before we had a fire department. Mayor could give a key to city each year to an individual who excelled in the town. Valerie VanOstenBridge will work on getting representatives from the organizations around town to see who is interested and what we can do for the next meeting then we can split up the list and invite them to our April meeting. <u>Events</u> Pig out in the Park - July 12th Touch a Truck/Kidsfest – July 19 th Nerf Party – August 23rd <u>Concerts</u> Nashville Symphony on June 14 th around 60 performers, 7:30, 8pm – 9pm. We are waiting on the stage measurements to confirm they can come. July 12 August 9 <u>Movies</u> September 27 th October 25 th
Committees	Michael Smith said as we start to plan bigger events, we can start forming committees to help run these events and come up with ideas on new events.

Caldwell Park	<p>Michael Smith suggested we do allotment farming at Caldwell Park. Mayor Greer mentioned that a community garden with each person doing a 10x10 space. Then the public can come through and walk through the garden. TN Department of Agriculture has program to help aid this garden. You could put a bat habitat and/or bee housing plots and plant butterfly bushes and benches.</p> <p>Mayor Greer stated we do need to work on adding a pavilion and restrooms to help bring more events into Caldwell.</p>
New Business	
Farmers Market	Renee Cannon reported We have 34 vendors signed up. It will run May 10 th through September 27 th .
Other Items	
Next Meeting	March 25, 2025, at 6pm
Adjournment	Brandy King made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded motion, meeting adjourned.


Chairman Michael W. Smith


Recorded By Renee Cannon