



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
August 26, 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 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brandy King made a motion to approve the agenda, Valerie VanOstenBridge seconded the motion, approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Valerie VanOstenBridge made a motion to approve the agenda, Brandy King seconded the motion, approved by all.

PUBLIC FORM

Vicki Cannon is with the Cheatham County Soccer Association (CCSA) and is inquiring about what next steps can be taken to get dedicated fields for soccer. She voiced concern about Summerfest that comes each June tearing up the fields and leave ruts in the fields causing a safety hazard for kids. She said as their league continues to grow she would like us to consider the safety of the kids that play and since they have partnered with the city for 25+ years they would like to have a place to call our own.

Anthony Clark thanked her for her service to the community and said that soccer is one of a couple leagues that is less taxing when it comes to needing things from the parks department. He said that anytime soccer needs top soil or dirt to let him know they will get it down there. He also said that when Summerfest pulls out each year we can start going down and making repairs then instead of waiting till soccer begins to layout fields that way soccer isn't waiting on the parks department.

Michael Smith reported that the city doesn't have a lot of land to use so we have to use what land we have as multiuse land. He reported that CCSA needs to work with Anthony Clark and parks department to get what they need to make sure the fields are in a safe condition.

PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA started their soccer season last Saturday. Everything went well, we had a round robin type opening day, our season will go through October 25. We have 220 kids signed up. We do need so topsoil to fill in holes and ruts left from Summerfest. Anthony Clark said to let him know how much we need and he would work on getting it.

Anthony Clark Football starts their games this Saturday.

Anthony Clark Baseball has not reported in so we aren't sure if they will have Fall ball

Matt Waldron reported they could not get anything worked out with football, so they will not have Fall ball.

PARKS REPORTS

Nothing to report other than what is on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Park Repairs and Upgrade Projects – Anthony Clark reported that he is schedule to meet with Jason Reynolds next Thursday to go over Johns Park and the park behind Elementary school to get quotes on fencing, dirt work, concrete, drainage work and coverage over the benches.

Trail Expansion – Anthony Clark reported that we are still waiting on Jennifer Noe to finish our agreement for phase 1, once completed we can bid out the project. He reported that he find out that we do still have the grant for phase 2, bypass by Johns Park to midway area, which is around a \$1.4 million grant. He reported that we have started working on phase 2 quotes.

Mayor Greer reported that phase 2 quotes have went out and we should get them back in 2 weeks. It will then need to be approved by council. Matthew Waldron asked for a scope for phase 2, Anthony Clark reported that phase 2 should be easier since mainly clearing land, gravel and paving. Anthony Clark said he could provide more detailed plans at the next meeting. The phase 2 grant was approved in October 2022 and must be used by October 2027.

Music on Main – Renee Cannon reported that there are 74 vendors signed up. She emailed the vendors from previous years as well to see if we can get more vendors. Anthony Clark reported that the music acts are Mo Pitney, Rubiks Groove and Cumberland Punch, he is looking for a female act for the last available spot.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Use – Michael Smith wants us to keep the lake in mind that is off the bypass for future events. Matthew Waldron reminded us that we will need some infrastructure items done before we can open access to the public for events.

Halloween Events – The board decided the Trunk or Treat will be on the walking track again this year from 4pm to 6pm. The movie will be at Riverbluff Park at 645ish. Anthony Clark asked that we pick a movie by email so he can order it with the September movie. Both event will take place on October 25.

Grants – Anthony Clark reported that they met with a firm last week, they gave them the BCBS grant information and they are confident they will get it turned in before the deadline. They are providing the service for free for this grant.

OTHER

Heritage Fest – Valerie VanOstenBridge brought Kelly Ellis to talk about the festival. Shelia with the Cheatham County Sports Hall of Fame wants to bring in the Old Timers to do some target shots and other activities. Lisa Walker and Shirley Noe with CCHGA are interested in helping. They would like to put out a contest to come up with a name for the festival. The 1st festival will be May 2nd or 9th 2026, location will be Riverbluff Park.

Matthew Waldron inquired whether this would be an Ashland City event or a Cheatham County Event. After discussion with the board and members from the community we would like to stretch this to a Cheatham County Event.

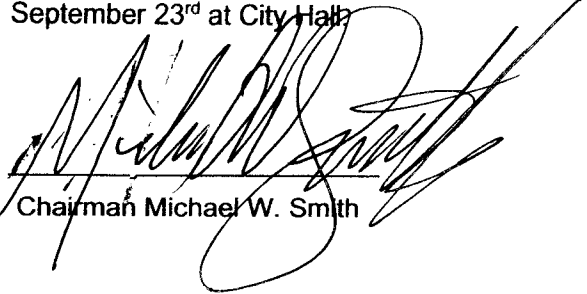
Michael Smith would like members who put on big events in other city's to come to next month meetings. He asked that Kelly Ellis reach out to these individuals and see if they can come to next months meeting.

Matthew Waldron made a motion to have Michael Smith create a sub-committee for the Heritage Festival May 2026 to be limited to no more than 10 people. Brandy Kind seconded motion, approved by all. Committee will be set by next month.

Park Master Plan - Matthew Waldron would like a firm to come in and do a master plan for all the parks in Ashland City. He would like to see this board work toward getting this approved by the council and work toward getting a Master Plan per park. He said this will also help with the city getting grants for parks if we have a Master Plan in place for the parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Brandy King made a motion to adjourn at 7:04pm, Matt Waldron seconded motion - Next meeting September 23rd at City Hall



Chairman Michael W. Smith



Recorded by Renee Cannon

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