



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
April 22, 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 motion, approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Matt Waldron made a motion to approve the agenda, Brandy King seconded the motion, approved by all.

PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA is halfway through their season, they had to reschedule their pictures due to rain, they will now be May 3rd, season ends May 17th.

Matt Waldron reported that softball is going well.

AC Clark reported that baseball is starting up and going good.

PARKS REPORTS

AC Clark reported that a bridge engineer will be out Friday to look at all the bridges on the Bicentennial trail. The bridge that fell has been cleaned up and we are waiting on insurance to see what we can do about rebuilding. They have a trail meeting next week to see where we are moving forward with bidding the next phase.

Matt Waldron asked about how many bridges can be walked or bypassed on the trail. AC reported that of the 6 bridges 4 can be walked around. The bridge that fell, there is not a walk around, Matt would like AC to see if the engineer can suggest some kind of temporary bridge that can be installed until insurance is finalized.

Caldwell Park – Valerie has 10 potential markers for the Walk of Fame at Caldwell. Louise and Barbar Mandrell, Chonda Pierce, Redd Stewart, Caleb Hunter Plant, Randy Travis, Pat Summit, Buddy Cannon, Marla Cannon and Ray Pillow. We need to brainstorm how to get actual markers at the trail as well as have the trail cleared out and clearly marked. Kingston Spring has one that is like what we are wanting to do in their downtown area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2025-2026 Park Events – Renee Cannon provided the 2025 and the 2026 calendar for insurance. Matt Waldron made a motion to approve the calendar (with changes), Brandy King seconded the motion, approved by all.

Farmers Market – Renee Cannon reported that 48 vendors have signed up and 41 have paid. The Market begins May 10th.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Trucks – Renee Cannon reported that 12 have signed up but only 4 have signed been showing up. She reported that she messaged all the ones that have not been signing up and 2 dropped, 4 said they are working on finalizing all their paperwork.

There was a group discussion about maybe charging a deposit to the vendors in the future.

Heritage Festival Discussion – Valerie VanOstenbridge gave a brief description of what the festival will be, as far as festival to represent our heritage. She wanted to get input from the different sectors of the community to see what they thought of the festival and what they thought they could contribute to the day.

Kelly Ellis spoke about getting quilting, tobacco farmers and Indians representatives so that everyone is included. Everything needs to be old fashioned, and we could even do a cornbread and chili contest.

Matt Waldron – brought up the concern of having Music on Main and this festival in the Fall wouldn't be feasible. He suggested that we swap Music on Main to the Spring and do the Heritage Festival in the Fall. If we went with that, we would do Music on Main in Oct 2025 then do it again the Spring of 2026 with the Heritage Festival in the Fall of 2026.

Mayor Greer – would like us to coordinate our Music on Main with the surrounding counties to make sure we aren't competing with everyone else.

Lisa Walker – brought up that Cheatham County turns 170 next year. If you wait until next year, you could have a bigger bash, and it would give us more time to coordinate all the concepts into one cohesive idea.

Matt Waldron would like to get a list together for members who would be interested in being on the committee, set the list for next month and get a calendar for their meetings.

OTHER

Shirley Noe suggested that we do a Christmas on main – Where the community dresses up and sings carol downtown as well as stops in the local merchants and have hot chocolate.

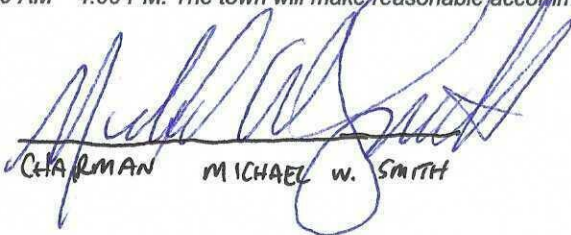
Mayor Greer spoke about having an American Artisan Festival in the Spring as something that the board could start planning.


Kelly Ellis inquired about dock bumpers at Riverbluff Park. AC Clark reported that he is working on getting quotes for new ones.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Waldron made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm, Brandy King seconded motion - Next meeting May 27th

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CHAIRMAN MICHAEL W. SMITH


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