



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY  
Parks Advisory Board  
March 24, 2026, 6:00 PM  
Minutes**

**Chairman:** Michael Smith

**Council Members:** Vice Chairman Matthew Waldron, Renee Cannon, Brandy King, Valerie VanOstenbridge

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Matt Waldron

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Brandy King made a motion to approve the October 2025 minutes, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded the motion, approved by all.

**PUBLIC FORM**

*Brandy King made a motion to suspend to the Robert Rules of order in order to allow for discussion. All approved.*

Vicki Cannon with the Cheatham County Soccer Association is the interim President and Treasurer. She gave a brief history of the league which started in 1999. They average about 240 kids in both the Spring and Fall seasons. Mrs. Cannon is requesting the same support to CCSA that softball, baseball and football receive from the city, she is unsure exactly what that support is and would like clarification on what each league receives from the city. Mrs. Cannon would like to see a couple things implemented at Riverbluff park:

1. They would like to see about getting a permanent concession stand down there for the league. Mrs. Cannon reported that they have issues every Saturday with electricity and have no access to water other than the pavilion.
2. They would like to see some kind of traffic control measures put into place in both the parking lot and on the road. She suggested speed bumps to help cars slow down.
3. They would like to see about having the adult pick up games moved over the Preacher Poole Park during their season. Mrs. Cannon expressed she has asked the adults that show up currently to not move the goals as it is a liability issue and has asked them to rotate fields to help with them tearing up fields since they seem to stay one field most of the time and has asked them to not play on the fields if it has rained. She said these requests seem to be ignored once they leave the field. Mrs. Cannon said CCSA does have a set of full size set of goals they are willing to sell to the city. If they are wanting to purchase the goals and are able to move the a field over there some signage would need to be put up that would help people understand that the park fields are for CCSA players only.

Mrs. Cannon said in closing if they could get some of these improvements in place CCSA could look at hosting 3v3 and 5v5 tournaments which would bring in 1000's of people. They are happy and willing to work with the parks board and the city on getting everything moving forward and getting everything safe for the kids of Cheatham County.

## PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA's started last weekend. We had our opening ceremony with the parade of teams, National Anthem and prizes for the kids.

AC Clark reported – Softball has 2 teams, baseball April 11<sup>th</sup> (7 teams)

## PARKS REPORTS

AC Clark reported the trail Phase I is waiting on TDOT and Kimly Horn. They have sent several emails and have not received any responses. Phase II is moving as expected, TDOT required a new salamander survey for the area.

Met with the land owners, a verbal agreement has been made to make a slope that is ADA compliant instead of a new bridge. Paperwork for the new slope and the amount of years to lease are the works.

Johns park improvements have been put out to bid and will be opened next Thursday at City Hall. The hope is to approve at the April meeting and work could be completed by July.

Been working on music for Summerfest and Summer Concert Series. All music lineups are in place for all those events.

He reported he is working on budget items and asked if the board had any input into what he needed to include in the budget. Michael Smith asked about the hotel/motel tax and what it can and cannot be used for within the city.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Parks Advisory Board Discussion** – Michael Smith said he reported the council that we want to keep this board a board. We will have to follow Robert Rules of Order and we will have to be streamed. We may also have to move some officers around or replaced. This will go into effect now and live streaming will start next month

## NEW BUSINESS

**Painting & Sips** – Renee Cannon reported that 51 have signed up for the event. Entries will end for this on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Earth Day Scavenger Hunt** – Renee Cannon reported 11 people signed up. This will be a scavenger hunt through 4 parks, ending at Riverbluff Park.

*Brandy King made a motion to suspend to suspend the Robert Rules of order in order to allow for discussion. All approved.*

**Arts Festival Event** – AC Clark reported he reached out to Neisha LaCroix with the Art League of Cheatham County and Holly Brown with The Arts Alliance. The Mayor did decide to push this out to May 2027, 10am to 4pm.

Neisha said we need to reach out the Cheatham County and outside the county artists to let them know now about the Art Festival.

1. It would be good to have a juried art show to draw more people into the show. This is where artist submit a piece of work and we put them all in 1 section or put a marker on the tents that enter that way the people looking are visiting the tents, then we can have them judged.
2. The Arts Alliance would be able to do the performance art piece of the festival. Kingston Springs Art in the Park is a good template to follow to setup your event.
3. Culinary Arts are good to pull into the festival as well.
4. A student section would also be a good to get up can coming artists.
5. Booths setup for different kinds of art/crafts

AC Clark said he wanted to have vendor booths, food trucks and performing arts on the stage.

**OTHER**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brandy King made a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm, Valerie VanOstenbridge seconded motion - Next meeting April 28th at City Hall.



Chairman Michael W. Smith



Recorded by Renee Cannon

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