



**TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
April 28, 2026, 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 with changes adding Mistletoe Trail, Matt Waldron seconded the motion, approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Valerie VanOstenbridge made a motion to approve the March 2026 minutes, Matt Waldron seconded the motion, approved by all.

PUBLIC FORM

None

PARTNER REPORTS

Renee Cannon reported that CCSA's is about half way through their season, we will end on May 16th. We are planning on having a summer camp July 27-29 from 6pm to 8pm it will \$60 per kid.

AC Clark reported that baseball is in full swing, their jamboree was April 11th. Football signs will start in May and practice will start June 30th.

Matt Waldron reported that softball started their season April 24th. They will not have a tournament this season, they will have rec season for about 6 weeks.

PARKS REPORTS

AC Clark reported that the stage lights and fans have been installed on the stage at Riverbluff.

He met with 2 companies to see about ways to get rid of the birds at the market pavilion. Both companies suggested netting. It will cost about \$20,000 to install and has a 15 year warranty. He has 1 more company to met with to see if they have any other suggestions.

He reported that he is in the process of ordering some speed cushions for Riverbluff.

He reported that Johns park the drainage and ADA work has been awarded. They will have a preconstruction meeting next week. The project is scheduled for 60 days.

LED lights were installed under the bridge on the walking track.

He had budget meeting

The trail where the bridge went out is with the landowners, once they sign we can move forward.

Phase I of the trail is back with TDOT, the Mayor signed that with the 20% overages that

Working on Summerfest vendors, 113 signed up, 85 paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Parks Advisory Board Discussion – Michael Smith is waiting on a response from Jennifer Noe on if this meeting will have to be recorded as well if city employees can be on the board.

Painting and Sips – Renee Cannon reported the event went well, 65 people signed up 29 showed up. She reported that she thinks more than 29 were there if you include the parents. I think this is a good event to continue especially if we do it in the cold months.

Earth Day – Renee Cannon reported this event also went well, we had 56 signed up and 27 showed up. She reported that everyone seems to enjoy the hunt and enjoy being out in the parks. If we do the painting & sips before earth day, we could paint rocks and hid them in the parks for Earth Day.

Matt Waldron made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for discussion, Brandy King seconded motion, approved by all.

Arts Festival Event – The board wanted to get the Mayor's input on when we should hold the festival. May 8th or 15th 2027 is the proposed options. Valerie VanOstenbridge is going to check with the Arts Alliance to see which one they would prefer and get back with us at the next meeting.

AC Clark reported that there is a grant that we can apply for from the TN Park and Recreation Alliance for \$5,000, which is a non-matching grant.

Matt Waldron made a motion to return to regular rules, Brandy King seconded motion, approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Farmer's & Artisan's Market – Renee Cannon reported the market kicks off this Saturday, it will run through August. It will run from 9am to 12pm. There are 44 vendors signed up, 33 have paid. We have ordered 2 new banners, tote bags and shirts for the market.

OTHER

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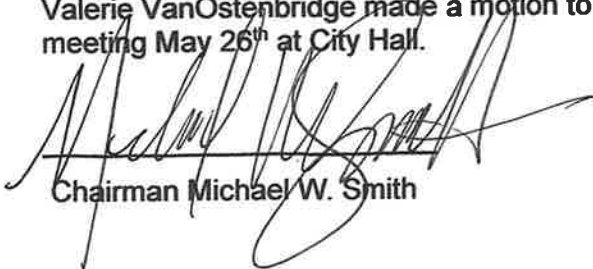
Mistletoe Trail – AC Clark reported that Valerie Kemp is handing over the Mistletoe Trail to the city. He reported that if we formed a committee this year, Valerie Kemp and Melinda would help us this year and then the city would take it over completely in 2027.

They give out \$3000 to non-profits and in awards. We would need to look into how we as a City can give out awards.

Brandy King made a motion to take over the Mistletoe Trail, seconded motion, approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT

Valerie VanOstenbridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm, Brandy King seconded motion - Next meeting May 26th at City Hall.


Chairman Michael W. Smith


Recorded by Renee Cannon

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