



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The Tom Hardin Room – 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN

1. Call to Order

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mrs. McWilliams lead the Pledge of Allegiance and asked Mr. Patton to give the Invocation.

3. Roll Call

A. Roll Call for Parks and Recreation Commission

Luemma McWilliams - Chair Person

Bedford Smith - Co- Chair

Kathy Pepe - Secretary

Larry Patton - Member

Anna Arnold - Member

Katrina Holt - Member

Loree Knowles - Commissioner

Mr. Grooms preformed roll call and all but Mr. Smith were present at the meeting

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. Meeting Minutes from April 9th, 2025

Mrs. McWilliams stated that everyone was sent a copy of the minutes and asked if there was anything that need to be corrected and if not asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9th, 2025 meeting. Mrs. Knowles made the motion that the minutes be accepted as written and Ms. Pepe, seconded that motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Movie Night

Ms. Busby stated that she took the time to watch the movie and it had commercials and was not a very good movie for this event. She stated that she would find another movie to watch. The movie will be on the 23rd and Mrs. Arnold asked what time, Ms. Busby stated that everyone would need to get there about 6. Mrs. McWilliams stated she had a box of popcorn. Mrs. Busby stated that Cash Express had donated bags for snacks and that she would put the snacks in the bags during the week before the movie.

B. Juneteenth

Ms. Busby stated that event will start at 10am, so the Commission would need to get there around 9am to start setting up. The waterslide people would be there to set up, we would need to set up tents and the pools and get them filled. Ms. Busby stated that she would contact the Fire Department about cooking hog dogs. Ms. Busby also stated that the commission needed to set up a time line for the other events like the 3 point shoot out and the bingo game, and also the specker that they talked about, the prizes for the games, and the free tickets for ice cream from the ice cream truck.

The Commission discussed the event in further detail.

C. Back to School Bash

Ms. Busby stated that she was waiting on Mrs. McWilliams to bring over supplies to see what we have and how we needed to divide them up based on age. Mrs. McWilliams asked if she could wait to school was out and Ms. Busby said yes. Ms. Busby stated that they could grill hot dogs and have popsicles at the splash pad that day.

D. Bathrooms at Arrow Mines Park

Mr. Grooms stated that the bid was awarded last month by the Commission to GM Construction, the lowest bid. He stated that we are waiting on permits and hoped that construction would start in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Knowles stated that she had received some phone calls about kids throwing rocks on top of the shelter, Mr. Grooms stated that we had recently put cameras in all the parks, except Arrow Mines, until the bathrooms are done.

Ms. Busby stated that she had rode by there and several bikes had been left there in the park.

Further discussion was had on this topic.

6. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable

A. Monthly Report from Parks Dept

Ms. Busby updated the Commission on the Easter event and they discussed some ideas and changes they would like to see next year. Then she told the Commission what was discussed in the prior meeting for the July Celebration.

Ms. Busby stated that all vendors had been contacted, the band had been notified and the dunking booth had been paid for. The Commission discussed the set up and layout for things from the food truck areas to the kid zone.

Mr. Grooms stated that the Grant was in the finishing design phases and waiting on approval. Getting cost estimates and hoping to get everything finalized in the next month.

Mr. Grooms stated that the recommendation that the Parks Commission sent to the Commission on the Baseball Back Ground checks passed unanimously.

Mr. Grooms discussed some budget changes for next year and how some of our Elected officials want to focus more on Streets, side walks and Parks.

7. New Business

(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)

There was no new business to discuss

8. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)

There where no comments from citizens and Mrs. McWilliams asked for a motion to adjourn, Ms. Pepe made the motion and Mrs. Holt made the second. The vote in favor was unanimous.

9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment