

MINUTES

Recreation Advisory Board/Tree Board/Little League Board Department of Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Advisory Board /Tree City USA Board/Little League Board met in a scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 17th, at 12:01 pm.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Bob Miller, Ron Starr, Mary Scudder, Linda Long, Johnny Coffman and Moises Contreras

Upon roll call the following members were absent: Larry Rhodes

The following guests and staff members were present:

Matt Siniard, Derek Phillips, Reya Joseph, and Shellie Stephens

The following decisions were made and ordered a part of the records of the Recreation Advisory Board/Tree City USA Board/ Little League Board.

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MINUTES

12:02pm- Minutes for meetings held on August 15th, 2024, we're given to board, and we're reviewed with no changes suggested.

Motion made by Bob Miller, seconded by Moises Contreras, to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried

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NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Park LRPF Update- 12:03pm

Matt Siniard discussed minimizing the footprint and budgetary adjustments needed for the Heritage Park LRPF Grant. Matt discussed a single play structure versus the original plan of two play structures, one for ages 2-5 and one for ages 5-12. Grant will allow one play structure at Heritage Park for ages 2-12.

Upcoming Events 12:10pm

Matt Siniard discussed upcoming events- Halloween Movie Night at Athens Regional Park on October 18th at 7:30, Halloween Costume Contest on October 24th starting at 4:30pm, and Mother Son Dance on November 2nd at McMinn Co. High School at 6:30 pm. Derek mentioned there will not be a "Downtown Halloween" this year, so the costume contest was relocated to the E.G. Fisher Library. Matt mentioned the splashpad closing on October 21st so the last day of operation will be on October 20th, 2024. Matt discussed the upcoming Basketball season with registration beginning this November with no place set for practices yet, and games being played at ACMS. Officials are needed. Mary Scudder mentioned MCHS seniors and TWU students who are enrolled in TN Promise who may be available to sign-up.

Pickleball (Ladder Play, Non-Profit Tournaments) 12:18pm

Matt Siniard discussed Ladder play and non-profits at the Ingleside Courts.

Addison Butler came in with a presentation for the RAB to propose ladder play. This would be a year-round weekly play with 4 locals as the league administrators. They will use the app, The Pickleball Den, to track the league and ladder play. This will help locals who would like to play and do not have anyone to play with or may want to start learning to play pickleball. This league would like to reserve the courts for 1 day a week for a 3 hours' time block starting at 5:30pm. There will need to be 30 participants to need all 6 courts. If they have less than 30 players, they may not need all courts and would have courts available for those outside of the league.

Discussion of liability insurance, dates and times, and how to get word out about the league occupying the courts one night a week before their league plans to start near November 18th.

Discussion was then started on non-profit tournaments. Typical rates were discussed for ball tournaments and any other tournaments already hosted by APRD. Ron Starr made a motion for \$100 per day rate and no per player fees. Moises Contreras 2nd the motion. Approved.

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Little League Report 1:12pm

Derek Phillips discussed the 2024 Little League Fee Chart. Reviewing the players and teams' numbers, making this year's number a record, totaling 450. Derek discussed the cost difference from previous years, making the costs close to break even. Last year's deficit being around \$3500 and this year cutting down to \$1607.67. Being able to cut costs with a different pants style and lowering the costs for All Star Uniforms. Derek discussed hosting the 9/10 All Star teams. Athens had 4 teams, 2 coach pitch, 1 9/10, and 1 11/12 participate in All Star's this year. We were able to provide equipment to those who could not have their own equipment due to a grant.

Discussion of the committee and appointing a new Secretary. Nominated Shellie Stephens and motion was made by Mary Scudder and seconded by Moises Contreras. Approved.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.