



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 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 led the pledge of allegiance and asked Mr. Patton to give the invocation.

3. Roll Call

A. Luemma McWilliams- Chair Person

Bedford Smith- Member

Loree Knowles- Member

Kathy Pepe- Member

Larry Patton- Member

Anna Arnold- Member

Jacqueline Grandberry- Commissioner/Vice Mayor

Mr. Grooms performed the roll call and all members were present.

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. Meeting Minutes from October 9th, 2024

Mrs. McWilliams asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting which was October 9, 2024.

Ms. Pepe stated there was an error on page 2 of the minutes in the second paragraph. The statement regarding violent crimes has "violet."

Mrs. Grandberry made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Haunted Trail Update

Ms. Busby stated the Haunted Trail this year was successful. We had several new organizations to set up a candy station. We also had more participants in the chili cook off.

Ms. Busby stated Mr. Smith has suggested we add a costume contest to the event each year.

Mr. Smith stated the costume contest has always been a huge crowd pleaser at the annual BBQ festival. He hoped to continue that tradition at annual Haunted Trail event.

Mrs. McWilliams said to remind her next year and she will pick up some trophies for the costume contest.

B. Extending the Boy's and Girls Club stay at the Center

Mr. Grooms stated the agreement with Boys & Girls Club to use the community center has expired. He is recommending that we continue to allow the Boys & Girls Club to use the community center, but it be on a month-to-month basis. He explained that the city was awarded a grant, with a 10% match, for the community center. The plan for the grant is to replace the roof and the exterior doors.

Mr. Grooms discussed the proposed concept for the community center in the future with the Recreation Commission.

C. Update on the bathrooms at Arrow Mines Park

Mr. Grooms stated the plans for the new restrooms at Arrow Mines Park is on display in the council room. The plans have not been approved yet by the Commissioners. He anticipates they will be on the December City Commission agenda. Once the plans are approved by the Mayor and Commissioners, we will advertise bids for the construction of the restrooms.

Mr. Grooms reviewed the plans for the new restrooms at Arrow Mines Park with the commission.

D. Recognize the Dedication of the Shelter at Arrow Mines Park

Ms. Busby stated the Recreation Commission discussed scheduling the Willie B. Baker Shelter at Arrow Mines Park. We all agreed that Saturday, December 7, 2024 will be the date.

Mr. Smith suggested holding the dedication at 1 pm on December 7, 2024.

E. Update on repair of shelter at Rotary Park

Mr. Grooms stated the repairs have been completed at the shelter at Rotary Park. This is the biggest shelter the city has so it must be maintained. The expense was a shared cost with the Mount Pleasant Rotary Club. He estimated the total cost for the repairs was approximately \$7,500.00. It was his opinion that was money well spent.

F. Update on Pickle Ball Court and starting a night for games.

Ms. Busby stated she was waiting on the guys to pick up the material so we can mark off the pickle ball court in the west hall. The plans are to set up game nights on Wednesdays. She hoped it would be up and going in the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Busby stated they would not be painting the floor, only using painters tape.

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

7. New Business

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

A. Get volunteers for Craft Day Event

Ms. Busby stated that craft day will be this Saturday, November 16, 2024 beginning at 11 am. There will be stations set up with different crafts for the children to make something. She said she would appreciate volunteers to help this Saturday.

B. Get volunteers for Breakfast with Sant.

Ms. Busby stated that last year's Breakfast with Santa was such a huge hit last year. There was a line to Santa during the entire time and there was not one pancake left.

Ms. Busby stated we will need volunteers to help with this event as well. The date for Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 21, 2024. She said she would email everyone the flyer for that event.

- C. Get ideas for events for the New Year and what we can do better or add to the events we have.

Ms. Busby stated is working on the event calendar for next year. She hoped that we can add some different types of events next year. There are a couple of months that we do not have anything planned.

Mrs. McWilliams suggested adding some kind of end of school year event for the children.

- D. Set dates for next years Events.

Mr. Smith stated one year he had a movie night at the community center in January. He suggested getting sponsors for the movie nights plan to provide food.

The Recreation Commission and Ms. Busby discussed next year's events.

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

Mrs. McWilliams verified there were no citizens who wished to make any comments.

9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pepe seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.