

Parks Advisory Board and Sports Council Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2023

Advisory Members Present

Robin Faucette, Ward 1 Mike Maynard, Ward 2 Boyce Grayson, Ward 3 Davey Cole, Ward 5 Cheryl Dexter, Ward 6 Mattie Mabry, Ward 7 Jim Ingram, President TSC

Advisory Members Absent

Vacant, Ward 3 Chad Mims, City Council Representative

Staff Present

Alex Farned, Director
Melonie Kight, Director of Marketing
Shanta Jones, Program Director
Chris Edmondson, Sports Director
Laura Kramer, Sports Director
Ben Haas, Sports Director
Janet Gaston, City Council Representative

Staff Absent

Deana Carlock, Office Manager
Leigh Ann Mattox, Recreation Manager
Amy Kennedy, Aquatic Director
Leesha Faulkner, Oren Dunn City
Museum Curator

- 1. Robin Faucette called the meeting to order and welcomed the newest staff member, Melonie Kight.
- 2. Davey Cole made the motion to approve the agenda with Mattie Mabry making the second. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Mike Maynard made the motion to accept the minutes with Davey Cole making the second. Motion passed Unanimously.
- 4. No treasurers report given.
- 5. Tupelo Sports Council Reports:
 - a. Tupelo Youth Soccer Association Report received.
 - b. Tupelo Youth Baseball Associatio Report received.
 - c. Tupelo Youth Softball Association Report received.
 - d. Friend of the Park Report received.
 - e. Tupelo Basketball Association Report received.
 - f. Tupelo Aquatic Club Report received.
 - g. Veterans Council Report received.
- 6. The Board was updated on the Spring Sports for 2024
- 7. The Board was updated on the activites planned for the 10th Anniversary of the Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 8. The Board was updated on the Annual Calendar of Events for 2024.

- 9. The Board was updated on the campital projects including Pickleball Courts, Paving of the 3 Plex lot and addition of lights, and the two phases for the new playground.
- 10. The Board was informed that Leesha Faulkner, Curator for the Oren Dunn City Museum will be retiring at the end of 2023.
- 11. The Board was given the Economic Impact Report from information received from Tupelo CVB.
- 12. Jim Ingram made the motion to adjourn with Janet Gaston secong. Motion passed unanimously.

Robin Faucette – Chairman of Tupelo Parks Advisory Board

Jim Ingram – President of Tupelo Sports Council

Alex Farned – Director of Tupelo Parks and Recreation