



Parks Advisory Board and Sports Council Meeting February 25, 2025



Advisory Members Present

Boyce Grayson, Ward 4
Davey Cole, Ward 5
Cheryl Dexter, Ward 6
Mattie Mabry, Ward 7
Jim Ingram, President TSC

Advisory Member Absent

Robin Faucette, Ward 1
Mike Maynard, Ward 2

Staff Present

Alex Farned, Director
Melonie Kight, Marketing Director
Leigh Ann Mattox, Recreation Director
Chris Edmondson, Sports Director
Chris Hill, Oren Dunn Museum Curator

Staff Absent

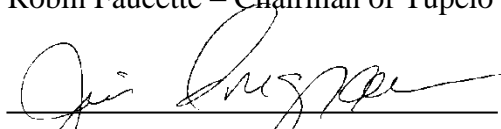
Chad Mims, City Council Representative
Janet Gaston, City Council Representative
Laura Kramer, Sports Director
Deana Carlock, Office Manager
Ben Haas, Sports Director
Amy Kennedy, Aquatic Director
Shanta Jones, Program Director

1. Jim Ingram called the meeting to order.
2. Davey Cole made the motion to approve the agenda with Mattie Mabry making the second. Pass unanimously.
3. Davey made the motion to accept the minutes with Cheryl making the second. Pass unanimously.
4. Davey made the motion to accept the treasure report with Cheryl making the second. Pass unanimously.
5. Member Reports
 - a. Tupelo Youth Soccer Association – Report received.
 - b. Tupelo Youth Baseball Association – Report received.
 - c. Tupelo Softball Association – Report received.
 - d. Tupelo Basketball Association – Report received.
 - e. Tupelo Tennis Association – Report received.
 - f. Tupelo Therapeutic Recreation Association – Report received.
 - g. Tupelo Aquatic Club – Report received.
 - h. Tupelo Disc Golf Association – Report received.
 - i. Tupelo Skate Park Association – Report received.
 - j. Tupelo Flag Football Association – Report received.
 - k. Friends of the Park – Report received.

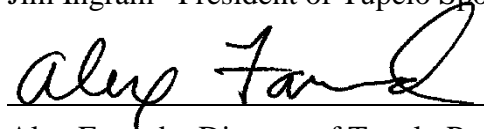
- l. Tupelo Fourth of July Celebration Association – Report received.
 - m. Veterans Council – Report received.
 - n. Oren Dun Museum Association
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6. The Board was given an update on the Ballard Park Improvements Phase I, II and III.
 7. The Board was provided information about the Hancock and Gumtree Park improvements.
 8. The Board was updated on the improvements for Dot Cooper-Kelly.
 9. The Board was provided a calendar of events.
 10. The Board was introduced to Chris Hill, the new Oren Dunn Curator.
 11. The Board was provided a copy of the Edition of Tupelo – Journal.
 12. The Board was informed of the MRPA awards that the Parks and Recreation accepted at the State Convention.
 13. Davey made a motion to adjourn with Cheryl making the second. Pass unanimously.



Robin Faucette – Chairman of Tupelo Parks Advisory Board



Jim Ingram –President of Tupelo Sports Council



Alex Farned – Director of Tupelo Parks and Recreation