

Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024

Present:

Charles McCollum – Recreation Commission Chair
Nick Kilburg- Recreation Commission Vice-Chair
Shirelle Hicks – Recreation Commissioner
Kynthia Gaines- Recreation Commissioner
Anita Godbee – Director, Parks and Recreation

- I. Call to order: 6:30 PM
- II. Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge: Charles
- III. Public Comment: none
- IV. Minutes
 - a. May 2024: motion to approve-Nick, second by Shirelle; all in favor
 - b. June 2024: motion to approve-Shirelle, second by Nick; all in favor
- V. Old Business
 - a. Recreation Commission Appointments and Vacancy Updates
 - i) The Recreation Commission Chair and Ms. Godbee interviewed the applicant for the vacant Commission opening. The applicant, Mr. Bobby Ferrell, is businessperson and currently serves as president of the North Fayette Homeowners Association, Inc. He also has a public safety background. Mr. Ferrell will be presented for appointment recommendation at Thursday's Board of Commissioners meeting.
 - b. Multiuse Facility Update
 - i) The Request for Quotes procurement for peer review services has been released. Ms. Godbee noted that the quotes are due by the end of this week.
 - ii) LOSE Design has submitted questions to the Parks department regarding some of the project's electrical components. Ms. Godbee has requested that the Recreation Commission review the lighting fixtures (interior and exterior), community room drop down screen, weight room layout and required electrical support, and potential weight room equipment manufacturers. Ms. Godbee requested that these comments be submitted to her by Friday, July 12th.

- c. Kiwanis Park Pickleball Court Update
 - i) Construction on the pickleball courts has started. Project will be tentatively complete in about 45 days, depending on weather.
 - ii) Ms. Godbee reported that the contractor was able to procure the drain pipe at no additional cost to the county. There may be savings realized for the alternate pipe, and these funds could be used towards the plantings/buffering between the courts and the adjacent neighborhood.

- d. Pavilion Reservation Limits
 - i) Recommendations for policy updates are still under consideration by the Recreation Commission. The issue will be tabled until the Parks department has the reservation data for July and August.

- e. Ordinance and County Policies
 - i) Recommendations for policy updates are still under consideration by the Recreation Commission. The issue will be tabled until the first quarter of 2025.

- f. Approved FY2025 Budget
 - i) The Parks department FY25 budget (including maintenance) of \$1,097,115 has been approved; this does not include staff salaries. This includes capital improvement projects totaling \$661,000, and a budget transfer from the previous years of \$351,111. Planned projects include:
 - (1) Park/playground borders (2-3 remaining)
 - (2) Kenwood Park retaining walls
 - (3) Brooks Park field fencing (potentially at 2 fields)
 - (4) Brooks Park sidewalk and curbing
 - (5) McCurry Park trash receptacles
 - (6) Parks scoreboards (Kiwanis fields #9 and #11; McCurry fields #1, #6 and #7)
 - (7) Kiwanis and Kenwood Parks tennis courts resurfacing
 - (8) E. Fayette Gym pipe and parking access
 - (9) McMurry football field and maintenance building path improvements
 - (10) Kiwanis picnic area sidewalks
 - (11) E. Fayette Gym manlift (to assist with lighting maintenance)
 - (12) E. Fayette Gym and Kiwanis ceiling tile replacement
 - (13) Brooks Park pipe repair at the creek

VI. New Business

- a. US Soccer Partnership
 - i) Ms. Godbee reported that she met with the US Soccer Federation (USSF) today to discuss the use of McCurry Park South soccer fields for practices, camps, and clinics. They would not use the field for tournaments. USSF would utilize and assume enhanced maintenance of the south soccer fields for approximately 18 months. Upgrades to the field would be needed prior to use. To expedite the project, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the

county and USSF is scheduled to be presented at the July 25th Board of Commissioners meeting.

VII. Staff Reports

- a. The Parks department currently has an open position for an Athletic Coordinator. Ms. Godbee noted that this position should be filled by August 1st.

VIII. Board Reports: none.

IX. Adjournment: Motion- Kynthia, Second – Shirelle, all in favor 7:28 pm

Next Meeting – August 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM