

Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025

Present:

Charles McCollum – Recreation Commission Chair
Nick Kilburg- Recreation Commission Vice-Chair
Shirelle Hicks-Recreation Commissioner
Kynthia Gaines- Recreation Commissioner
Bobby Ferrell-Recreation Commissioner
Anita Godbee – Director, Parks and Recreation
Mary Catherine Domaleski – Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

- I. Call to order: 6:33 PM
- II. Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge: Charles
- III. Public Comment: none
- IV. Minutes
 - a. January 2025: motion to approve-Bobby, second by Shirelle; all in favor, two abstain
- V. Old Business
 - a. Multiuse Facility Update
 - i) The selected Construction Manager at-Risk (CMAR), Meja Construction, is on the agenda for approval during Thursday's Board of Commissioners meeting.
 - ii) The CMAR will include the building demolition in their scope of work. In the meantime, the utilities have been turned off to the old building. Buildings and Grounds will salvage any material or equipment prior to demolition. The Fire Department will also use the facility for a training exercise.
 - iii) Updated tentative project schedule:
 - (1) Demo existing building/start construction in June of 2025
 - (2) Project completion in the fall of 2026
 - iv) Drawings are approximately 90% complete. Ms. Godbee stated that the CMAR will review the documents and provide comments before LOS finishes the 100% set.
 - b. 50th Anniversary
 - i) The 50th Anniversary officially starts in April. A request was made to the Parks Department to make the 50th anniversary event a larger event, possibly in the evening. Ideas for this event include carnival games, food trucks, a drone show, etc. Ms. Godbee will confirm the available budget and fiscal year.

- ii) The 50th Anniversary logo was officially accepted and will be used in this year's Parks Department marketing and publications. Ms. Godbee mentioned that the department will be procuring signage, flags, and banners. Charles asked if the logo flag could be placed on the flagpole under the American flag. Kynthia asked if the Youth Associations could put the logo on their official websites.
- iii) A Parks Proclamation honoring this anniversary is still on schedule to be presented at the April 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting.
- iv) Because there was not much placed in the original time capsule placed 35 years ago, it will not be formally opened.

VI. New Business

a. FY 2026 Budget

- i) Ms. Godbee mentioned that the Parks Department has started working on the FY 2026 budget request. Some of the requests include:
 - (1) Fencing replacement (with the potential of windscreen and top rail protection)
 - (2) Playground equipment replacement (with inclusive, ADA compliant, equipment)
 - (3) Pickleball courts at McCurry Park
 - (4) T-ball restrooms at Kiwanis Park (or potentially updating the existing restrooms)
 - (5) Scoreboard replacements at Brooks Park (2 total) and Kiwanis Park (3)
 - (a) Charles noted that it would be beneficial to find out which fields actually keep score and prioritize those replacements, and
 - (6) Contracted maintenance services, including restroom cleaning and trash pick-up
- ii) Ms. Godbee noted that the Recreation Commissioners should also check the conditions of the parks to see if any other requests should be included.

VII. Staff Reports

- a. Ms. Godbee mentioned that the Row Georgia is hosting one team this week, and two teams in the month of March. One of those teams will be visiting from Michigan State University. She encouraged all to stop by.
- b. Ms. Godbee noted that the Parks Department has been approved to use Instagram for social media postings.

VIII. Board Reports

- a. None

IX. Adjournment: Motion- Nick, Second – Shirelle, all in favor 7:14 pm

Next Meeting – March 11, 2025, at 6:30 PM