

Park & Recreation Committee

February 11, 2021

Terry Gregory called the Park & Recreation Committee to order at 6:00pm in the TC Courthouse Building.

Attendance:

The following attended Terry Gregory, Dwight Jewell, Landon Gulley, Linda Johnson, Beverly Atwood, Gary Claridy, Lonnie Taylor, Shane Burton, Cliff Sallee, Stephen Chambers, Rachel Jones, and Chris Gregory.

Absent: Richard Johnson.

Minutes from November 17, 2020:

Motion made by Claridy and seconded by Gulley to approve minutes. All in favor.

Public Works Director Report - Sallee:

Ball Fields

Sallee has not received any updates on the lighting at the ball fields.

Pool

Pool limitations read by Gregory in regard to opening the pool per the Governor. Sallee believes the only limits would be regarding the Kiddie Pool. Would have to keep lots of cleaning supplies on hand and possibly hire an additional employee just for cleaning and screening. People have been asking for applications and it will be easier to start now, due to all certifications have expired. The diving board will be refurbished and ready instead of paying over \$1,800.00 for a new one. We may have some training/certification issues due to places to be certified. Although we are reaching out to Jimmy Floyd, Macon, and Smith County. As for food prep we should be able to have some food as long as it follows the guidelines and screen the employees as we will do so.

Motion by Gulley for Mr. Sallee to move forward with opening the pool on May 22, 2021 with the fees and hours to remain the same as the 2019-2020 year and seconded by Jones.

Park

There have been some issues at the park with kids doing burnouts in the parking lots. Mr. Hussey had a bad experience in the park with his grandchildren. He has offered to repair and replace some video lines with adding a monitor at the sheriff's office and pool for monitoring the areas free of charge to the county. Planning to speak with the sheriff tomorrow.

Jewell asked if there were any limitations that this can not be donated to the county? Per the mayor there is not.

Claridy made a motion to approve Mr. Sallee to move forward if this is agreed upon by the Sheriff and seconded by L. Johnson.

Gulley did receive an estimate of \$151,665.48 on LED lighting and poles from Border States covering the two main fields. This is not including labor.

Jewell would like to see the specifications on this as the labor should not be outlandish. Mayor stated that Johnson Control does energy efficient, would have to get with the Economic Impact with the Sports Council to see what the impact may be.

Gulley – Any value to the existing lights Mr. Sallee may be able to put on Gov.com to recover some of the labor installation funds.

Jewell and Burton agreed that we need the cost on the other two fields before proceeding.

Claridy made a motion to give the Mayor permission to put in the request for bids in the paper and to reach out to companies regarding LED lighting and poles on all four fields and seconded by Burton. All in Favor.

Mayor

Grants

1.) Local Park and Recreation Grant with ADA improvements initially for 2021 – Still waiting for the response, should know by the end of the month.

2.) Stimulus – generous to the schools and elections – not to local government. As for the jails not really just general funds unless you can relate to COVID. Submitted 700,000 CAP of 300,000 – local governments are cut out on sick leave.

Clarity – Mayor did Urban Services receive \$273,000? Unrelated to COVID with many restrictions taken off. Could be used for sidewalks and part on poles. Until we have a firm number, we should be able to do it.

Disc Disciples

Disc Golf is a Christian organization trying to put in disc gold at the park. They have reviewed the Master Plan to where it can be utilized. This is played more in the woods and would like to have a 9-hole course. Not expensive to put in place. Baskets are about \$3,000.00 that will be permanently attached in the ground and concrete tee pads. Total cost would be approximately \$8,000.00. May could check out discs from the library. Many in surrounding counties. This will be controlled by Trousdale County and would help with the installation. Disc Disciples will take care of the baskets if any were to be destroyed. This is done by most communities have a club that has club fees for this expense.

Commissioners and Sallee believe this would be good for the park and community.

Jones made a motion with preliminary approval for Mayor, Sallee and Disc Disciples to work together and bring back a something formal in writing with cost to install and seconded by Gulley.

Corps of Engineer Land

Gulley – Mayor can you update us on Taylor's Landing? This is about a year to process as we are required to submit a 5 year plan of improvement. Would like to make improvements to the the parking and roads. Hartsville Battlefield signage and possibly camping on the left side. They are very receptive as long as there are improvements. Will have to have an environmental group come in if we do the campground option. All improvements have to approved by the CORE as I do not foresee any major improvements until year 4 or 5.

Public Comments:

Chris Gregory asked will there be late night opening for the pool. Sallee stated we would have to see but did not see any issue as of now.

Next meeting March 18, 2021 at 6:30pm at the TC Courthouse.

Motion made by Jones and 2nd by Gulley to adjourn.

Minutes submitted by Beverly Atwood