

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Bubba Gregory, Chair*  
*Lonnie Taylor, Vice Chair*  
*Chris Gregory, Secretary*

*Alan Carman*  
*Grant Cothron*  
*Landon Gulley*

*Lesley Overman*  
*Mark Presley*  
*Cliff Sallee, Director*

NOVEMBER 14, 2024 | 7:00PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**Agenda**

1. Call Meeting to order
2. Review minutes from October 17 (*Public Works*)
3. Elect Officers
4. Discussion Items
  - A. Playground Updates
  - B. Other
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

*Committee previously named "Public Works" was renamed to "Parks & Recreation" as of November 1, 2024.*

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** October 17, 2024, 6 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

**Present:** Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Mark Presley, Alan Carman, Lesley Overman

**Others Present:** Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 12, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Overman, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Discussion held on playground update. B. Gregory noted that concrete has been poured for sidewalks, playground is ready for use but noted that public is asked to stay off the straw and dirt areas as they will be sodded with grass.

Jerod Mitchell spoke for Public Works, noting that Director Cliff Sallee was sick. Mitchell said camera lines are ready, piping is buried, still some wires to pull, cameras should be ready in coming days. One 360-degree camera to be placed on pole near basketball court that will cover basketball, tennis courts and roadway. Another camera planned for amphitheater. New cameras should make it easier to catch faces.

Discussion turned to fence posts from old playground. B.Gregory noted that Matt Dockery with Tri-Metal has said he can build a climbing wall that could be placed outside the park and names placed on it and lit up. Sallee will present more info to committee at future meeting. Mitchell has seen wall design, estimated about 1500 posts and 1161 names. At least two posts are too damaged to use, status is unknown. C.Gregory said he liked the idea of the climbing wall, asked about possibility of adding names as committee had discussed previously. B.Gregory said Sallee will have to discuss that at future meeting. Mitchell noted a climbing wall would have matting to keep kids safe. Another option might be cutting down the posts to names only and building something near the bathrooms.

Presley asked about ribbon cutting for playground, B.Gregory was unaware of any plans. Committee noted that county mayor has mentioned plans for this previously.

Discussion turned to pool. B.Gregory has spoken with Sallee, pool 2024 loss numbers should be close to what was presented in September. More discussion on pool to be held at next meeting.

Discussion held on signage. C.Gregory said that Rotary Club would like to replace one sign near West Main/McMurry intersection and add one to "Welcome to Hartsville" sign on other side of town, possibly at entrance to park. Rotary wants to know who to talk to about this. Committee consensus was to speak with county mayor about permission.

B.Gregory noted that previous discussion on trash cans (see September minutes) will defer to new Public Works committee, as this committee will be Parks & Recreation going forward.

C.Gregory asked about update on BlueCross park grant application. B.Gregory said he received email via Amy Thomas from Crystal Justice, saying we should hear by end of 2024 if application is rejected, by February 1, 2025 if Trousdale County is finalist for grant.

No meeting date set for November as of yet.

Public Comment: Mitchell reiterated to community to please stay off dirt and straw areas at playground; also noted that middle bathroom will be closed until cameras are ready so wiring can be placed through there. B.Gregory suggested that someone from committee post on social media noting that playground is open.

Motion to adjourn by Overman, second by Carman. Motion approved.

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.*