

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 12, 2024, 6 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, County Mayor Jack McCall, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee

Others Present: Lucas Reyes, Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the April 4, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Overman, second by C.Gregory. Motion approved.

Discussion held on playground project. Sallee said company was supposed to have started week of May 24, now scheduled to be here to begin June 14 but Public Works hasn't heard from them in some time. Committee presented with new timeline for completion with finish date early September. Sallee said some old concrete had been pulled up when old play equipment was removed, PW staff has cleaned that up. Some weed barrier still in place, PW addressing. PW cannot bury lines or conduits until playground work starts so won't have to be moved second time. All wiring and conduits have been purchased and are ready to go.

C.Gregory asked about update on plaques or bricks. Sallee noted he had provided brick costs in April of \$18 per, had not gotten quote on plaque costs yet. Company in Lafayette makes them, but one plaque may not work for 1100+ names, make take more than one. More discussion to be held later.

Discussion turned to swimming pool. Sallee said season going very well, 1,243 visitors so far at average of 50+ per day. Tuesday late nights are averaging 100 to 120 people. Parties and passes not doing well, only 13 parties booked so far and only six passes sold, no individual passes. Sallee said he believes committee has overpriced parties; committee will examine before 2025 season. No employees lost; all are doing well. C.Gregory asked if pool party prices could be lowered for rest of 2024, Sallee noted would have to partially refund ones booked or some other action. Chemicals are not holding up as well as in past, Sallee unsure why. Kiddie pool failed initial inspection, was remedied immediately. C.Gregory asked if second late night was option with fewer parties, Sallee said could be accommodated and recommended Saturday, also recommends free day at some point to promote.

Motion by C.Gregory to begin staying open Saturday till 10 p.m. effective immediately, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Overman asked if there were any HR issues with having a second late night, Sallee said no.

Motion by Presley to have pool open for free on July 4 with extended hours, second by C.Gregory. Motion approved.

Sallee said park is doing well, no issues of note. Little League fields are in good shape as well.

C.Gregory noted committee had never set pool closing date. Sallee said had not heard from manager about possibility of August hours, noted concerns over chemical costs. Overman said schools resume Friday, Aug. 2.

Motion by C.Gregory to set Saturday, Aug. 3 as closing date, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Lucas Reyes addressed committee, suggested offering discounted pool pass for remainder of season, suggested \$25. Sallee asked about offering a homeschool day, C.Gregory will reach out to homeschool association about potential date and get with Kerri Garner about scheduling if they are interested.

Motion by C.Gregory to begin offering \$25 passes on July 4 to last remainder of season, second by Overman. Motion approved.

Presley asked about publicizing Saturday hours, July 4, lower passes. PW will put on Facebook beginning next day.

In public comment period, Lucas Reyes asked about meeting place for local business group of about 60. Group has been advised of cost of renting Community Center. Reyes wondered if might get exemption after monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting. Mayor McCall reminded committee of resolution previously passed by Commission forbidding exemptions to rental policy but said he would discuss with Reyes to find solution.

No meeting scheduled yet for July, will be TBD by chairman.

Motion to adjourn by Overman, second by C.Gregory. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.