

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 23, 2025, 7 p.m., Trousdale County Community Center

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Landon Gulley, Lonnie Taylor, Alan Carman, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley

Others Present: Public Works Director Cliff Sallee, Misty Lytle, Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the November 14, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve by Taylor, second by Overman. Motion approved.

Discussion held on playground. Sallee said Trey Park sign has been repainted and is up. When weather warms up, two benches will be installed in play area. TDEC has signed off on all signage, project is all but done.

C.Gregory asked about photo in packet of wood slats from old fence and how they will be used. Sallee said there are 1,305 names in total. They could be attached to plywood and placed around bathrooms. PW has not heard from Matt Dockery about his metal wall proposal yet. PW staff could also use slats and plywood and build a climbing wall separate from the play area, would be cheapest option per Sallee. Gulley asked how wood slats would be prevented from rotting and about costs of any decision. Mitchell said PW staff had looked at multiple granite options but cheapest was \$75,000. Sallee said slats could be placed behind plexiglass if cleaned up. One 4x8 sheet (photo from packet) took 45 minutes to create and multiple ones could be built on a rainy day.

Motion by Gulley to have PW present cost, time to create wood sheets at next meeting, second by Carman. Motion approved.

Sallee also noted that planned 360-degree center camera in park did not get installed as contractors did not give enough notice for power and conduit to be laid. There has apparently already been some graffiti in the new play area.

Discussion turned to pool. Sallee presented Madison Pools proposal to resurface main and kiddie pools, install automated chlorinator at total of \$138,500. Gulley asked if this is what Macon did at theirs; Sallee said no, Macon did a new liner that is already falling apart. Gulley asked about warranty or how long resurfacing might last; Taylor said based on his experience it might extend life of pool by 25 or 30 percent. B.Gregory asked if this was only bid received; Sallee said yes, other companies contacted have not sent anyone to speak with county.

C.Gregory asked how long resurfacing would take and if it would affect 2025 pool season. Taylor estimated 2-3 weeks to do job, depending on weather and company's schedule. Sallee said chlorinator could be installed later if needed. Gulley suggested ARPA as a mechanism for funding the project.

Motion by C.Gregory to move proposal to Finance Committee with favorable recommendation, second by Presley. In discussion, Gulley asked if company could get this work done by May; Sallee will have to check with them. Carman asked about completely rebuilding pool, Taylor estimated that might cost \$450,000 to \$500,000. Taylor asked about called Finance Committee meeting for this, but Gulley noted that would not speed up process. **Motion approved by 4-3 vote (C.Gregory, B.Gregory, Taylor, Presley aye; Gulley, Carman, Overman no).**

Discussion turned to pool parties and their costs, lifeguard pay and costs. Sallee noted parties were down significantly in 2024 and that staff felt the pricing had become too expensive. C.Gregory reviewed previous committee minutes for party pricing, pay for pool staff). Misty Lytle will research other local pools to check party prices, present to committee in February.

Motion by Gulley to keep same pay rates for pool staff, including bonuses for staff who stay all summer and paying for certification, second by C.Gregory. Motion approved.

Discussion on pool opening/closing dates and operating hours to be held in February

Discussion held on upcoming grants. County did not receive BCBS grant, looking at state Local Parks & Recreation Fund grant that would be \$600,000 for basketball/tennis/volleyball/pickleball courts, added walking trails, LED light at basketball court, updating park master plan. C.Gregory noted application deadline of April 1, per state website.

Motion by Overman to defer any action until February meeting, second by Presley. In discussion, committee noted need for more information on potential grant, including how would be paid for. **Motion approved.**

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Gulley, second by Presley. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.