

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** April 8, 2025, 6 p.m., Trosdale County Courthouse

**Present:** Bubba Gregory, Lonnie Taylor, Chris Gregory, Landon Gulley, Alan Carman, Lesley Overman, Linda Sue Bruce

**Others Present:** Public Works Director Cliff Sallee, Misty Lytle, Jerod Mitchell, Amy Thomas, David Thomas, County Mayor Jack McCall

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve by Overman, second by Gulley. Motion approved.**

Discussion began on status of pool. Sallee said pool has been drained and cleaned up with few repairs needed. Pool is showing its age but generally OK. Five lifeguards certified and ready, five more ready to train at Jimmy Floyd, two food servers, two assistant managers and one manager in place. Gulley noted signs of pool aging, especially along steps. B.Gregory asked if could be fixed. Sallee said materials arrived that day, work to be done in coming days. Pool will have some leaks and can expect higher water bills.

C.Gregory noted constituents have asked about possibility of having an evening party for adults only. Committee will discuss further at next meeting.

Discussions held on renovating pool site. Sallee said PW waiting on material to patch tiles. Sallee believes 2025 is last year pool can operate as is. Sallee has spoken to companies about previous repair quotes about adding roughly 30-foot extension, waiting to get them on site to review. Committee discussed whether to extend straight out, or L-shape to side toward kiddie pool or side toward playground. Sallee expressed concerns from public about losing kiddie pool, suggested L shape might be better because of concerns over debris from walking track if expanded straight out. B.Gregory suggested pool replacement be in 2025-26 proposed budget, Sallee said it would be. Carman asked if L-shape would allow for storage of new chemical system; Sallee suggested placing on other end of building (towards deep end of pool). Sallee noted new chemical system will maintain pool longer and avoid overtreatment with chemicals, which can equally harm structure. Sallee noted deck is in rough shape and fence is rusting and will require eventual replacement. Sallee suggested L-shape and mushroom (discussed at March meeting) might cost \$300,000 but PW staff can do some work to save money.

Gulley asked about getting potential designs for what new pool might look like. Sallee said PW can draw up ideas and present to committee, but project will need to be bid out.

Taylor suggested building L-shape toward playground but noted this would require grading the site as it is not on level with current pool. Bruce asked if pool could be extended on current deep end; this is not feasible because of incline. Sallee also questioned if there is enough room to put L toward playground. Taylor suggested pool could even be moved to new site entirely. Sallee noted privacy fence could be placed around south end to avoid debris from walking track.

**Motion by Gulley to allow Public Works to explore options for pool expansion and report back to committee, second by Carman. Motion approved.**

Discussion held on status of park. B.Gregory asked about shrubbery around playground. G&L Garden Center supposed to come out over upcoming weekend, begin planting over next two weeks.

B.Gregory asked about LED sign with names from old planks. Backboard hung today, names have arrived and will be hung with Plexiglass cover and light to shine over it. Backboard will be trimmed with four colors of park. Restrooms to be repainted too, Sallee would like park colors and committee concurred.

Gulley asked if inmate work crews can do painting as PW staff get busier during spring/summer? Sallee said sheriff's office is trying to get female work crew together that perhaps could.

Ribbon cutting for play area may be held in 3-4 weeks, per Sallee. Waiting on few upgrades, benches added, etc.

B.Gregory mentioned some pads from disc golf course have been stolen. Sallee mentioned adding cameras along concession stand and LL restrooms, hopefully will address golf pads and people dumping at LL dumpster instead of taking to convenience center. Trail cameras can be put in trees as well.

Brief discussion held on old wood planks. Sallee suggested PW may set up at July 4 in park to allow people to claim their posts, or that people could call PW to arrange for pickup. Gulley suggested advertising on website and social media to let public know as well.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at 6 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn by Taylor, second by Gulley. Motion approved.**

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.*