

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 18, 2025, 6 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Landon Gulley, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, Linda Sue Bruce, Alan Carman

Others Present: Public Works Director Cliff Sallee, Amy Thomas, Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

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

Discussion began on swimming pool. Cliff Sallee presented copies of relevant state law requiring lifeguards at public pools in response to previous inquiry by committee. Sallee has not heard back from county attorney about legalities of fundraising, his own initial research makes it seem unlikely as possibility. No updates on total financial loss for 2025 season as the office manager is out on extended leave. B.Gregory suggested that full Commission should weigh in.

Motion by C.Gregory to forward with no recommendation and ask for guidance from full Commission, second by Presley.

Motion failed 4-3 (YES C.Gregory, Presley, Bruce | NO B.Gregory, Gulley, Carman, Overman).

Motion by Carman to recommend to Commission not opening pool in 2026, second by Overman.

In discussion, Carman said fixing pool not worth raising taxes. C.Gregory pointed out ARPA and Capital Projects Fund that would not require tax increase. Bruce noted that adding hours of operation might help financial numbers.

Motion passed 4-3 (YES - B.Gregory, Gulley, Carman, Overman | NO - C.Gregory, Presley, Bruce).

B.Gregory noted \$25,000 estimated loss in 2025, said county cannot sustain this. Sallee said pool was designed to last 10 years when rebuilt in 2011 and has reached end of useful life. One crack formed this year from one end to the other, first time that has ever happened. Sallee said pool could technically open in 2026 if that was committee's wish but that it would be dangerous.

Discussion turned to park. No update as Public Works staff has been occupied on curb remodels downtown. Church Street and West Main Street curbs are done, nearing completion on East Main and River Street.

Gulley noted that \$46,000 recommendation in August to fix walking track in park did not appear on Finance Committee agenda in September. Sallee said it might be \$50,000 now because of asphalt price increases. PW is getting quotes but project will have to be bid out. B.Gregory noted lots of kids, even out of county, are using playground.

Gulley suggested that if pool cannot operate in 2026, that committee examine the park master plan to see what other opportunities might exist to build facilities, such as volleyball or pickleball. C.Gregory asked if committee might get copies of park master plan at next meeting. Sallee said he would have that ready at next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

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

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.