



Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, May 23, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Germantown Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the Germantown Parks and Recreation at 2276 West Street, Germantown, TN. 38138

PRESENT

Kevin Young – Chairman
Mary Anne Gibson- Alderman Liaison
Rodney Strop
Matt Pierce
Michael Shelton

ABSENT

John Elkington
Bret Borm
Kim Sanders
Vice Chairman - Mike Agee

Pam Beasley – Parks Director Liaison
Natalie Ruffin - Recreation Liaison
Teresa Martin- Staff Support
David Clark – Planning Liaison

Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established at 5:35 p.m. with 5 Commission members present.

Approval of the March 28, 2019 Minutes:

Motion: To approve the April 25, 2019 minutes

Motioned by: Michael Shelton

Seconded by: Rodney Strop

Motion passed: Yes –4; No- 0; Abstain-1

NEW BUSINESS

I. Facility Rental Policy Amendments:

Parks Director shared the need to amend the Farm Park Rental Agreement policy for Pavilions, Pickering Center and Farm Park rentals. This will include adding rules to the current agreement to require the renter to come to the Parks department to fill out agreement and pay for facility rental and show a drivers license and be 25 years old with approval from the Parks Director. Alcohol policy will be added as well.

Motion: To accept the updated Facility Rental Policy Amendments to add rules on serving alcohol and a consumption policy for the Pickering Center as stated, with the ability to amend last statement with guidance from the City Attorney.

Motioned by: Rodney Strop

Seconded by: Matt Pierce

Motion passed: Yes –5; No- 0; Abstain-0

Motion: To accept the updated Facility Rental Policy Amendments to add rules on serving alcohol and a consumption Policy for the Bobby Lanier Farm Park – Facility, as stated, with the ability to amend last statement with guidance from the City Attorney.

Motioned by: Rodney Strop

Seconded by: Matt Pierce

Motion passed: Yes –5; No- 0; Abstain-0

II. Greenway Rules Amendments:

Park Director presented the need to amend the Greenway rules on signage throughout the greenway requested by the Bike and Pedestrian Commission.

Motion: To adopt the recommended amendments daylight to dusk Greenway rules.

Motioned by: Michael Shelton

Seconded by: Matt Pierce

Motion passed: Yes –5; No- 0; Abstain-0

- III. Bobby Lanier Farm Park, Inc. Project – Director Pam Beasley
As the Staff Liaison to the BLFP, Inc. Director Beasley presented a video of the vision of the BLFP, Inc. and the future of the Bobby Lanier Farm Park. She provided information to the commission regarding burning down of the house and the coordination with the City Fire and Police department would have. This would provide necessary state training for both fire and police departments. The house is beyond repair due to years of black mold build up.
Her recommendation was to remove the structure to make way for a large outdoor kitchen for cooking classes and fundraising dinners.
Motion: To recommend that the city move forward with burning down of the house at Bobby Lanier Farms with coordination with the City Fire and Police departments.
Motioned by: Rodney Strop **Seconded by:** Matt Pierce **Motion passed:** Yes –4; No- 0; Abstain-1

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Farmington Park Playground Project – Phase II
Director Beasley discussed the needed action regarding the goal heights at the Farmington playground. The Commission recommended the goals to be 9ft to assure that all children will be able to play on the courts.
Motion: To recommend the Basket ball goals be set at a height of 9ft at the Farmington Park Playground.
Motioned by: Rodney Strop **Seconded by:** Matt Pierce **Motion passed:** Yes –4; No- 0; Abstain-1
- II. Germantown Country Club Status
Director Beasley reported that the city officials will place a bid on the Germantown Country Club property at 8:00 a.m. on May 24th. She will keep in communication with the Commission through the Parks office if the bid is successful.

REPORTS

- I. Directors Report: Pam Beasley:
- I. Set work session dates for school/parks regulations- A sub-committee will be formed to review the current school/parks rules and regulations at 5:30 on June 26th as a tentative date. The Commission will be emailed.
 - II. Set Commission summer picnic date in June – The Commission will enjoy their summer picnic at the Groovin and Grilling Concert Series on Tuesday, June 25th.
- II. Special Committee Reports:
No report
- III. Recreation Services Manager Report:
Staff reported that the recreation division is gearing up for Groovin and Grillin that is scheduled on Tuesday nights in June at the Municipal Park. 70+ children have signed up for the summer camp to date and farm park staff is preparing for the Farmers Market, this year the market will be at C.O. Franklin Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SAVE THE DATE

- **Next Meeting – Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**
- The Farmers Market at C.O. Franklin Park. - Thursday - June 13th – Aug 29th
- Groovin and Grillin Summer Series– Tuesdays - June 4, June 11, June 18 & June 25

ADJOURMENT

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Approved by:

Chairman – Kevin Young: _____