

GERMANTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Germantown Parks and Recreation Commission for April 22, 2010 was held at Parks and Recreation, 2276 West Street.

PRESENT:

Kevin Young
Jerry Gee
William Kenley
Bob Timm
Angela Sorensen
Rodney Strop
Jim Wilson
Pam Beasley, Director of Parks and Recreation
Rick Bennett, Planning Commission Liaison
Guests:
Andy Pouncey, Assistant City Administrator
Dean Thomas, Design Consultants for DTD, Inc.

ABSENT:

Mary Anne Gibson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chairman requested the following changes to the agenda:

- Defer the Director's Report until Ms. Beasley's return from abroad
- Change item 4 to add 4A, Review of Public Assembly Area for the Morgan Woods property
- Change item 4 to 4B, Greenway Phase VI – Final Plan Review

It was moved by Mr. Strop, seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve the April 22, 2010 agenda as amended.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Strop – yes; Wilson - yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2010

It was moved by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Timm to approve the March 25, 2010 minutes as submitted.

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Kenley – abstain; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes; Mr. Strop – abstain; Mr. Wilson – abstain; Motion approved.

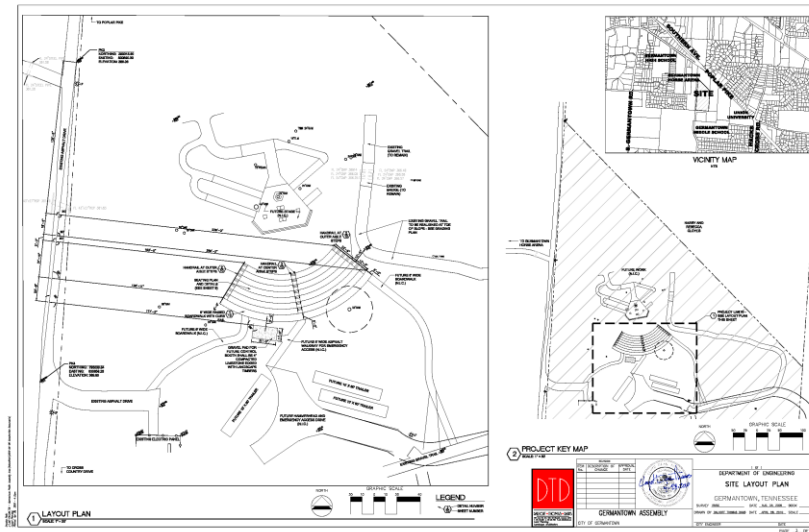
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AREA (PAA)

Mr. Pouncey stated that the Public Assembly Area is an area within Morgan Woods that will be dedicated to outdoor public events. As provided for in the Master Plan for the Germantown Civic

Club Complex, the facility will provide seating, lighting, a stage, access (both emergency and pedestrian) and other supporting amenities. All users must abide by the parks Rules and Regulations developed by the Parks and Recreation Commission. In preparing the design, staff met with many stakeholders to understand their needs. The Board of Mayor and Alderman had \$250,000 in the CIP budget this past year and the plans can now go out for bid.

On the design board, Mr. Pouncey highlighted the road that goes down beside Harry and Becky Cloyes house by the railroad track and comes down to Morgan Woods. Then, he pointed to a path that goes to the Charity Horseshow arena. There is a walkway that will go back to the Soccerplex behind Germantown Elementary. He mentioned the parking area at that location.

Next, Mr. Pouncey highlighted a “depressed area” that serves for a 300-seat seating area and passed around the material that will be used, which can be easily cleaned by washing it down or blown. The material is concrete but made to look like stone. Railings will be placed in the middle and on the sides and lighting will be installed. Seating will be wide enough for lounging back and smooth enough for chairs. This spot was chosen because it is situated within large “canopy” trees that cover the stage. There a various position options for seating, theatrical and orchestra events. In order to move forward with the seating, there has to be emergency access for an ambulance, fire truck or some other necessary vehicle. Mr. Pouncey highlighted a spot close to Oceanview Farms, which the city will not take over until December, which means that the Shakespeare Company cannot use the space until then. This area is also well-screened and can be used as a staging area for trailers, equipment, props, changing costumes, etc. Mr. Pouncey also discussed options for entering, exiting, handicap access, and parking for the Public Assembly Area.



It was moved by Mr. Strop, seconded by Mr. Timm recommend approval of the design of the Public Assembly Area for outdoor events to the Board of Mayor and Alderman.

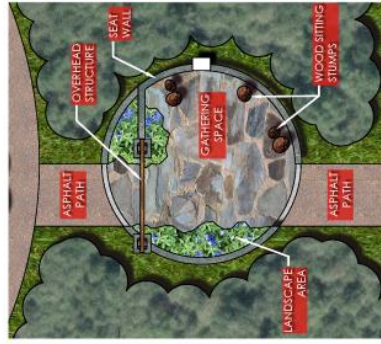
Young – yes; Gee – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes; Mr. Strop – yes; Mr. Wilson – yes; Motion approved.

GREENWAY PHASE VI – FINAL PLAN REVIEW

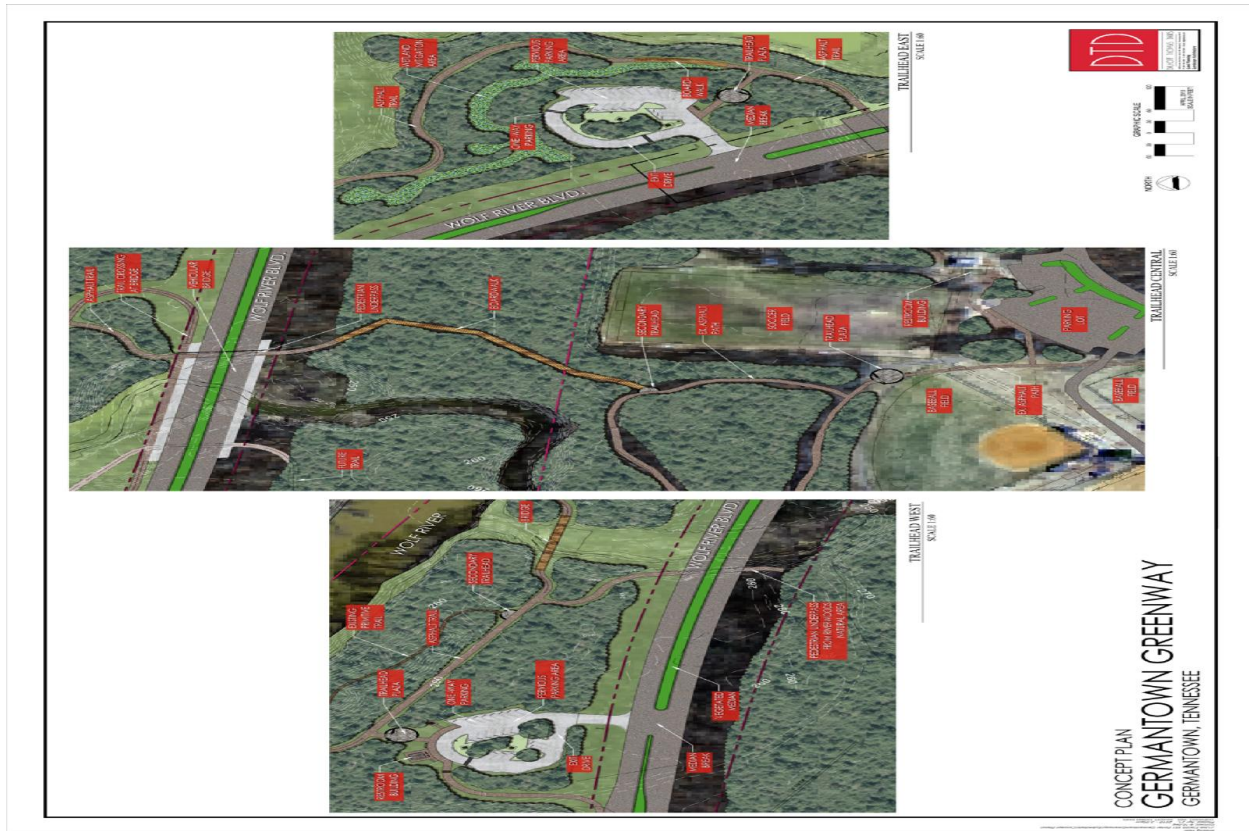
Mr. Thomas highlighted the final plan for the next two-mile section of Greenway that will parallel the new section of Wolf River Blvd and will run from Nashoba Park past Cameron-Brown Park. (*See attached maps for details*)



OVERALL TRAIL PLAN



CONCEPT PLAN
GERMANTOWN GREENWAY
 GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE



It was moved by Mr. Timm, seconded by Mr. Strop to recommend approval of the Greenway Phase VI design to the Board of Mayor and Alderman

Young – yes; Gee – yes; Kenley – yes; Timm – yes; Sorensen – yes; Mr. Strop – yes; Mr. Wilson – yes; Motion approved.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Riverdale Playground Project – Deferred until June, 2010

CIP Budget Review – Deferred until July 2010

Action Agenda – Deferred until July 2010

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION/COMMITTEE LIAISONS

The Chairman reported for the Tree Board partnered with the Beautification Commission and Youth Commission to plant approximately 100 tree saplings along the greenway in honor of Earth Day, which is today, the 22nd of April. Redbuds and native Dogwoods were planted.

Mr. Bennett, for the Planning Commission, reported on the following:

- The Dogwood Ridge Senior Living facility was presented by the sub-committee and will come before the Planning Commission in May. The facility will go up next to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- The Smart Growth portion of Saddlecreek behind Iberia Bank is on hold at this time.

Mr. Strop invited the Commission to the Veteran's Memorial meeting scheduled for May 6 at Community Development.

RECREATION UPDATE

Ms. Ruffin highlighted the following upcoming events/activities

- Fun in the Sun – Fridays in May at the Kiwanis Pavilion at Municipal Park at 10:45 a.m.
- Municipal Melodies – Friday in May following Fun in the Sun
- Touch-a-Truck – Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m. at the Germantown Community Library
- Germantown Relay for Life – Saturday, June 5th/Sunday, the 6th
 - A carnival-themed fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.
- Cycle the Germantown Greenway – Sunday, June 6

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.