

GERMANTOWN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2012

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Germantown Parks and Recreation Commission for February 23, 2012 took place at The Pickering Center, 7771 Poplar Pike.

PRESENT:

Kevin Young
Mike Agee
Mary Anne Gibson
Becky Zaworotko
Bill Lansden
Rodney Strop
James Wilson
Mike Palazzolo, Alderman

ABSENT:

Pam Beasley, Director of Parks and Recreation
Andrew Wilensky

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2012

There were no corrections noted.

It was moved by *, seconded by * to approve minutes of January 26, 2012.

Young – yes; Agee – yes; Gibson – yes, Zaworotko – yes, Lansden – yes, Strop – Yes, Wilson – yes, Palazzolo – yes.

BOBBY LANIER FARM PROJECT – PRESENTATION OF FINAL DESIGN PLAN

The Design Team presented the final design plan for the farm park. Since the Commission's approval for Phase I of the project, the design team has completed the final design plan. An overview of the plan, edits/changes since January, and results of the public open house was provided. The phasing plan was also presented. Mr. Dean Thomas discussed the possible access roads for the farm park. One addition that was made to the design plan since the January meeting was a pathway to move between the farm property and Cloyes soccer fields – just north of Red Devil Field.

Ms. Pam Beasley presented a summary of the start-up operations proposal to date and lead a question and answer session on the overall direction of the project. A handout was passed out

showing the possible programs for the farm. Ms. Beasley also discussed different ways to generate revenue for the farm.

It was moved by Mr. Rodney Strop, seconded by Mrs. Mary Anne Gibson to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the approval of the final Master Plan Design for the new Bobby Lanier Farm Park.

Young – yes; Agee – yes; Gibson – yes, Zaworotko – yes, Lansden – yes, Strop – Yes, Wilson – yes, Palazzolo – yes.

ADOPTION OF THE 2012 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTION AGENDA

Ms. Pam Beasley reported on the 2012 Parks and Recreation Commission Action Agenda. At the beginning of each year, the Commission conducts an annual planning work session to identify primary goals, strategies, and projects for the coming year and beyond. Staff completed a draft action agenda based on priorities identified by the Commission.

It was moved by *, seconded by * to adopt the Parks and Recreation Commission's 2012 Action Agenda.

Young – yes; Agee – yes; Gibson – yes, Zaworotko – yes, Lansden – yes, Strop – Yes, Wilson – yes.

OVERVIEW OF THE FY13 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET REQUESTS

Based on the Commission's work session in January and current needs identified by staff, park capital improvement projects, infrastructure replacements/repairs, and program changes, requests were submitted to City Administration for consideration in the FY13 funding plan on February 10, 2012. Ms. Pam Beasley reviewed the projects. The largest two projects are the Greenway Phase VI and the farm park. There was also discussion about a covered roof for the tennis program, Bob Hailey Athletic Complex enhancements, and redesign of the Skatepark.

Ms. Pam Beasley discussed the program change for the Special Recreation program. There is a request for the City to fund \$28,000.00 which would increase the program budget and allow the department to hire a part-time specialist to work with the people with special needs. Ms. Beasley also addressed Rugby and possible property to be used for the sport.

It was moved by Mrs. Mary Anne Gibson, seconded by Mr. Rodney Strop to support the Parks and Recreation Department's FY13 budget requests.

Young – yes; Agee – yes; Gibson – yes, Zaworotko – yes, Strop – Yes, Wilson – yes.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMATION AND SET MEETING DATES

Commission leaders for each group will be confirmed and meeting dates for these groups set up from now until the end of June. Mr. Kevin Young went over the groups that had been appointed along with the chairmen and members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Natalie Ruffin gave an overview of the spring sports and the REACH program. She also reported on the success of the Valentine Dance. Mr. Kevin Young briefly discussed some grant options for different programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.