

City Parks and Recreation Director speaks to Historical Society on the history of Steele Creek Park

Bristol Tennessee Parks & Recreation Director Terry Napier will speak to the Historical Association on the History of Steele Creek Park. The presentation will precede the celebration for the park's fiftieth anniversary to be held later in the year. This meeting will be held on Monday, February 10 at the Bristol Public Library meeting room at 6:30pm.

Napier is a native Bristolian and following his service in the U.S. Army he worked for the Bristol Tennessee Police Department. In 2007 he was made the interim director, then director, of the Bristol Tennessee Parks & Recreation Department. He has been instrumental in all aspects of the department with specific interest in the history of Steele Creek Park. His research has documented the unwritten history of what was originally developed as Watauga State Park. With the beginning of World War II plans for the park changed and the Civilian Conservation Corp (C.C.C.) Camp that had spent years constructing the park was abandoned. Under the leadership of then Bristol Tennessee Mayor Stacy Grayson an effort was made to reclaim this valuable virgin real estate as a city park.

The February 10 presentation is in conjunction with the Bristol Public Library's mission of "Expanding Minds and Building Community." The general public is invited to attend this free meeting.

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