

Bristol Tennessee
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting
January 11, 2018 6:00pm

Present:	Susie Chandler	David Akard	Mahlon Luttrell
	Sherry Willinger	Bennett Cowan	Curt Rutherford
	Ginny Senter	Lance Tudor	
Absent:	Chris Connally	George Laoo	Jason Booher
	Lea Powers		
Staff:	Terry Napier	April Norris	

- I. **Call to Order** – The Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Chairman, David Akard.
- II. **Introduction of new Commissioner**
 - A. Councilwoman Lea Powers
 - B. Lance Tudor
- III. **Approval of October 19, 2017 Minutes** – Susie Chandler makes a motion to approve the minutes. Sherry Willinger seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passes.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. **Nature Center Expansion-** Phase 1 is complete. Work is being done on the Geology wall. Behind that wall will be a park after dark exhibit. Crews are currently working on connecting the expanded section with the existing section. Donors are still needed to complete the kid’s room and outdoor classroom. Bart McMillian is donating a small deer that will be placed in the woodland exhibit.
 - B. **Comprehensive Trails and Greenways Plan-** Terry advised that he and Brian Rose are working on applying for a \$200,000 grant in hopes of starting the trail from Rooster Front Park.
 - C. **Second Student position approved** – The second student position was approved and filled by Lance Tudor. Lance is a sophomore at THS.
 - D. **City Council position approved** - This position was filled by councilwoman Lea Powers.
- I. **New Business:**
 - A. **TN Department of Health Grant** – TN Department of Health contacted Terry about applying for the grant. The grant covers \$80,000 to set up a community park. If awarded the money would be used to set up a outdoor fitness park at Clay Park. Brian Rose from Community Development is assisting Terry with the grant. City Council has given their approval for the project if grant funded and the residents seem very excited about this possibility. The letter of intent was submitted by the deadline of November 16, 2018 and the actual plans and completed grant application is due by February 5, 2018.
 - B. **Pending Projects**
 - **Shelter A reconstruction (SCP)** – This project is in the works and will be started as weather permits.

- **Rebuild parking area at VFW Shelter (SCP)** – This project is awaiting the drawings to be completed. Six-teen (16) parking spaces will be added to the existing parking area.
 - **Rebuild walkways and seating at Shelter B Playground (SCP)** – This project is underway. The new benches have arrived. Work will begin as soon as the weather permits.
 - **New Dog Park** – This project is currently on hold.
 - C. Youth Basketball Program up and running** – The youth basketball program is in its third week. Terry advised that numbers are down especially in the girl’s division.
 - D. Youth Football 2019** – Ten or so years ago the Parks and Recreation Youth Football League was taken over by JR Viking Football. This program is basically a travel football league and quite costly for the average family. Terry and Taylor Harmon have met several times with the THS coaching staff and other community members about bringing back the Parks and Recreation Youth Football Program. This was be an expense of approximately \$40,000 to start. Teams would be determined by school and each team would represent their school colors. Terry advised that the basketball program would follow this as well. Terry has requested the money for this program in the FY 19 budget. Preliminary registration will take place to determine many of the factors needed to get the program up and going. THS has been challenged to come up with coaches to represent each school. The 3rd and 4th grade division will be flag football and the 5th and 6th grad will be tackle. Mahlon ask if the program would have a fee and how much. Terry advised that there are several ideas on the table for how and if there will be a fee.
 - E. Management of Music Events have been transferred to Parks & Recreation** – Terry advised that as of December 2017 Musical Events have been moved under Parks and Recreation. Angie Rutherford moved with the program and is now a part of the Parks and Recreation staff.
 - F. Planning has begun to start a couple of movie in the park series for 2018** - A digital projector and screen material has been purchased in hopes of getting movies in the park going. The plan is to have family classic movies in Anderson Park and a Nature Series at Steele Creek Park. There is also a plan to partner with Believe in Bristol to offer a Date Night Downtown.
 - G. Purchase of Coyne Textile Building Completed** – The building has been acquired. The use is still unknown at this time. Terry is proposing to turn it into an indoor Farmer’s Market and Event Venue. The toxic plume had been contained and clear by TDEC. Currently, snow removal equipment is being stored there. It could also be torn down and used for parking.
- II. Board Comments:** David commented on how great the lights at Anderson Park look. He also stated that the trees coming down along State Street looks great.
- III. Staff Comments:** Terry advised that the city is currently undergoing an ADA compliance study. It is necessary for grant funding. This will help with many things throughout the city. Terry advised that the discussion took place about adding bike symbols on the roadways and that it was a positive conversation.
- IV. Next Meeting Date: March 8, 2018**
- V. Adjourn**

Terry Napier, Director