

**LAKELAND MUNICIPAL PARKS & RECREATION/NATURAL RESOURCES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, LAKELAND, TENNESSEE 38002**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by PRB Chair, Mark Donley.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

(C) Mark Donley	Present
Stacy Bond-Monasky	Absent
Jessica Cannon	Present
Jenny Kiesel	Present
Ben Ledsinger	Absent
Jeff Roman	Present
Amber Sawyer	Absent
Steve Snow	Absent
Commissioner Michele Dial	Present

Staff personnel present for the meeting were Pat O'Mara, Parks and Recreation Director, Andrew Fisher, Recreation Manager, and Kim Odom, Senior Center Manager and Special Events Coordinator. The meeting was presented by Mr. O'Mara.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, May 09, 2023

Jenny Kiesel moved to approve the regular minutes of May 09, 2023, upon an immediate amendment on grammar regarding land "disturbance" under Old Biz Item 2. Amendment was made. Commissioner Michele Dial seconded the motion. All in favor.

IV. **CONSIDERATION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

V. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

VI. **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STAFF:** None.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on Lakeland Athletic Complex Phase II

- a. Lights remain a top priority for the Athletic Complex, Phase II. We are working closely with Barge to continue progress with MLGW to light the site.
- b. Design work continues and architectural renderings of the concessions building were shared with the Board.
- c. We expect to be at 50% designs at the end of the month.

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2. Discussion and possible Action on the Sponsorship Policy:

Adjustments made to the Sponsorship Policy based on the Parks and Recreation Board input during previous discussion were shared with the Board. We are now working on fine-tuning the final policy through the City Attorney.

The tackle football section of the policy was updated on the partnership with the schools and the direction we are going. Parks is planning to mimic the uniforms the school wears. That will help decrease the costs of uniforms, which has been a concern. More sponsorship levels have been added to the policy.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of and possible discussion on upcoming Parks and Recreation related items to be seen at Lakeland Board of Commissioners Meeting on June 15, 2023:

- a. Resolution for Senior Center policy update is complete. There hasn't been an update in years.
- b. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an independent contractor agreement for a youth recreation soccer program.
- c. Authorization for Parks and Recreation Director to explore and apply for Blue Cross Healthy Places grant through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee. We voiced a vision to utilize the grant for renovation of Windward Slopes Park. Authorization request went to the Board today. Funds could also help resurface trails with markers and model the 10-acre – two parcel parkland to become a fitness and playing park.
- d. Resolution request to proclaim July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Lakeland. Staff are working on plans for the occasion. Details for Line Dance and Chair and Floor Yoga classes are already being worked out. These will be open to the public at no charge.

Residents will also be encouraged to visit City Parks during Parks and Recreation Month. Staff will be placing signs in all the parks and the Athletic Complex. Each sign will have a QR code. When participants scan the code, they will automatically be entered into a drawing for prizes. The QR code also directs participants to a Questionnaire with facts about that park.

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2. Discussion on the creation of action steps from the spring 2023 program goal setting sessions:

Youth Baseball Program adjustments regarding development of the sport based on Parks and Recreation Board input meeting focused on the sports program have been made.

The tackle football program is currently working with coaches for summer conditioning. The development programs will help prep youth for future school programs. The League is moving from MFL. The MFL's vision has changed

significantly since we began working with them. Our League will be moving to Mid South Youth Football for Tackle.

There's still concern over the basketball program not having space for the season. Staff are still working with Lakeland Prep School for a couple of nights' practices. There may be another opportunity for practices to set up additional hoops at Lakeland Elementary. St. Paul has limited time for us now and the rent is going up.

3) Division Updates

a. Parks Admin:

Parks have been busy with rentals, even with the holidays. There is a challenge with keeping it clean. Staff are doing the best they can. The Pavilion rentals have picked up too. ADA updates for the City Hall property are still underway.

b. Park maintenance:

Parks recently hired a part-time employee for Park Maintenance to work 30 hours a week through the end of September.

c. Rec/Athletic update

Recreation Cheer has more than 50 registered. Four of those want to transfer over to Competitive.

Adult Soccer began last week with competitive and rec teams this year. There are four teams each. Games start this Saturday, June 17, 2023.

d. Seniors/Senior Center:

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- f) Soccer and Flag Football registration for the Fall is underway. There's some interest in converting to competitive. Currently we do not have competitive soccer attached to Lakeland programs. Sean is also interested in competitive soccer. He is researching the numbers of how many Lakeland kids play elsewhere in competitive programs. If this Board would like to see competitive soccer added to Lakeland programs, they can bring it before the Parks Board for discussion.
- g) Staff received notice that the Creative Aging Grant will continue to offer a set amount of funds for their unique programs to be offered at local Senior Centers. Staff is also exploring purchasing a partial membership that will allow more unique programs at the Center throughout the year once awarded funds are used.
- h) There has been a calendar distribution change for the Senior Center. Registration is now done through CivicRec and the City Website. It has been a struggle this month for many of the seniors who are technically challenged. We are working with them to make the process as easy as possible.

1) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

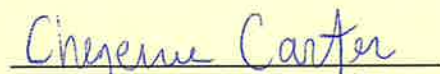
The next meeting is September 12, 2023. The August meeting has been replaced by a newsletter update.

- 2) ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business taken into action, Mrs. Jenny Kiesel moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Amber Sawyer. Motion carried; voice, vote, all present in favor (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.




Amber Sawyer, Secretary

ATTEST:


Cheyenne Carter, City Recorder