



Lakeland Municipal Parks & Recreation/Natural Resources Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 5:30 PM  
10001 Hwy 70 Lakeland, Tennessee 38002

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Donley 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mark Donley	Present
Jessica Cannon	Present (early dismissal - 7:11pm)
Jenny Kiesel	Present (early dismissal - 6:01pm)
Ben Ledsinger	Present (late arrival - 5:59pm)
Amber Sawyer	Present
Vice-Mayor Michele Dial	Present
Stacy Monasky	Absent

Staff personnel in attendance were Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, Recreation Manager John Proctor, Senior Center and Special Events Manager Kim Odom, Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:
  - a. **Annual Meeting Minutes** - January 14, 2025

Jessica Cannon moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Amber Sawyer.

***When the question was called the minutes passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

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

None.

V. PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

VI. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STAFF:

*For the record:* Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher proposed to the board to negate the staff reports considering the amount of business items on the agenda. Director Fisher offered to present the reports at the end or to answer any questions regarding the updates. No objections were heard.

1. Parks Administration Update
2. Recreation Update
3. Senior Center and Special Events Update

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*For the record:* Vice Mayor Dial motioned to add a new business item number 6 regarding a memorial for volunteer Steve Snow. No objections were heard.

1. **Action** - design recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for the Lakeland Community Center Aquatics Center by 4FDesign, P.C.

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Amber Sawyer.

Trey Yancey from 4F Designs presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for the Lakeland Community Center Aquatics Center passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

2. **Action** - recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for the approval of the 2025 City of Lakeland Parks Master Plan update.

Mark Donley moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Amber Sawyer.

Tim Bryant from Kimley Horne Associates presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

*For the record:* Mark Donley motioned to add additional expansion possibilities in the verbiage of the final draft.

***When the question was called the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for the approval of the 2025 City of Lakeland Parks Master Plan passed with updates, voice vote, 6 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (6-0-0).***

3. **Action** - recommendation for the submission of an application for the

Local Parks and Recreation Fund 2025 Grant Cycle to fund pickleball courts in the City of Lakeland

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Amber Sawyer.

Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the recommendation for the submission of an application for the Local Parks and Recreation Fund 2025 Grant Cycle to fund pickleball courts passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

4. **Action** - recommendation to the City Manager for parks and recreation fees schedule update for Fiscal Year 2026.

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Mark Donley.

Recreation Manager John Proctor and Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

***When the question was called the recommendation to the City Manager for the park and recreation fees schedule update for Fiscal Year 2026 passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

5. **Action** - recommendation to Board of Commissioners regarding the City of Lakeland 2025 Freedom Festival

Vice-Mayor Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Mark Donley.

Special Events Coordinator Alex Harris presented this item.

Discussion ensued.

*For the record:* Public comments were heard from resident Adam Henry of the 4000 block of Mt. Gillespie Drive.

Discussion ensued.

*For the record:* Ben Ledsinger motioned to recommend option two with looking into additional golf carts and portapotties, seconded by Mark Donley.

***When the question was called the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for option two for the City of Lakeland 2025***

***Freedom Festival passed, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against 0 abstain (5-0-0).***

6. **Discussion** - regarding a memorial bench for Steve Snow at Cool Springs Park (added from the floor). *Sponsored by Vice Mayor Dial*

Discussion ensued.

*For the record:* Vice Mayor Dial instructed staff to obtain quotes for a possible bench and plaque.

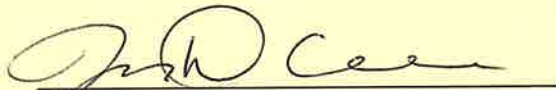
IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher provided an update on recent staff education accomplishments.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

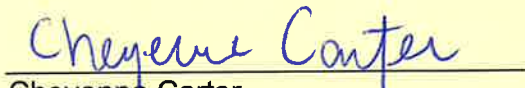
There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:16pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

These minutes were approved on May 13, 2025.



Jessica Cannon  
*Secretary*

ATTEST:



Cheyenne Carter  
*City Recorder*