

LAKELAND MUNICIPAL PARKS & RECREATION/NATURAL RESOURCES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 12, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, LAKELAND, TENNESSEE 38002

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by PRB Chair, Mark Donley.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

III. Vice Mayor Michele Dial	Absent
(C) Mark Donley	Present
Katie Autry	Present
Stacy Bond	Present
Jessica Cannon	Present
Derek Johnston	Present
Jenny Kiesel	Present
Amber Sawyer	Present
Steve Snow	Present

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

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, March 08, 2022

Mark Donley moved to approve the regular minutes of March 08, 2022, upon the immediate correction of board member, Jenny Kiesel's last name. Steve Snow seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

VI. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** None.

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

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Update on Lakeland Comprehensive Master Plan.**

The Comprehensive Master Plan benchmarking review is ongoing. A Recreation Center is also part of the discussions based on public input from the recent survey opportunity open to the community. A draft of the plan is expected in early May. BOC and PRB members will receive a copy of the draft for comments and will have approximately two weeks to send comments to Pat O'Mara. A final plan will be presented to the BOC by Kimley-Horn during a BOC meeting this summer. If time permits the PRB will review the final plan before going to the BOC. It is hopeful this project will be wrapped up in June or July.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Parks and Recreation activities and other items.

1) Parks and Recreation Naming Rights

Discussion continued regarding the development process for Lakeland Parks and Recreation Facilities and Assets Naming Policy. Mr. O'Mara presented the Board with a rough draft copy of a Policy document with suggestions discussed from last month's Parks and Recreation Board meeting. A final draft will be presented to the Board of Commissioner for their review in May.

2) Keep Lakeland Beautiful

Discussion regarding the process of bringing back Keep Lakeland Beautiful (KLB). Board members were invited to make suggestions on KLB projects. Ideas including possible quarterly community clean-up projects. There will be more discussions at next month's meeting.

3) Athletic Complex, Phase II

The Design and Engineering proposals for Phase II of the Athletic Complex have been received. A recommendation is expected to be brought to the BOC at the May meeting.

4) Special Events Update

A. Arbor Day & Tree City

Arbor Day 2022 was held on March 19, along with Tennessee Tree Day. More than 60 trees out of 100 were given away to Lakeland residents.

B. Fishing Rodeo

The children's Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday, May 14, 2022, at IH Lake. Registration is required for all participants. Due to gas pipeline construction on Canada Road, portions of the lake will be closed, and necessitates the reduction of participants through preregistration. Lakeland First Baptist Church is allowing overflow parking during the event.

TWRA and Lakeland Lions Club are sponsors of this year's event. TWRA is making donation of catfish. The amount has yet to be determined. Parks has ordered 500 lbs. of catfish for the event, costing \$1,675. LLC donated \$1,000 towards stocking the pond. Fish will be delivered 2-3 days before the event.

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C. Athletic Complex Ribbon Cutting

A grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation Board members and Board of Commissioners are invited. The event is open to the public.

D. Summer 2022 Entertainment Series

a) Movies

There will be two movies for Family Movie Nights: Friday, May 20, 2022, and Saturday, August 6, 2022. Movies start at dusk and will be held at the Athletic Complex. May movie is Encanto and August movie is Raya and the Last Dragon. Food trucks are booked. No transportation service needed for Movie Nights due to smaller crowds.

b) Concerts

Bands, food trucks, transportation services, generators, and staging are booked for all four concerts (June 25, July 23, August 27, and September 24). Concerts are being held at Athletic Complex during to the construction on Canada Road. Promotional materials will be sent out when band contracts are signed, and everything is finalized.

5) Facility Rental Setups

Rentals are still coming in. The average of public rental at the full rate fees are up. We have standing non-profits group rentals each month.

6) Parks Maintenance

Parks staff are opening park's restrooms back up for the spring and summer. A few repairs have delayed opening the City Hall restrooms but should be completed by the end of this week.

Flower beds at IH and Zadio should be complete by the end of the week.

Irrigation system has been repaired.

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7) Recreation/Sports Programs

a) Cheer

Football Recreation and Competitive Cheer Squad registration is open now.

Competitive Tryouts are May 9 and 10.

Uniform fitting is May 17, 2022. Signup available with 4 athletes per 15 minutes.

Practices for competitive squads begin in mid-June. Recreation squads begin in mid-July.

b) Football

Flag Football: Registration is underway for 2022 Season. Season runs May 30 through July 27.

Tackle: Registration is underway. Pre-season runs July 11 through August 7. Regular Season is August 8 through October 31. First game is expected to be August 30. If qualifies, the post season will November 1-19.

Conditioning Sessions will be offered on Monday nights at the Athletic Complex. All are welcome. The program is free.

c) Adult Soccer

The season has been pushed back to the summer for more participation. More details to come.

d) Rec League Soccer

We have 168 participants and it's going well. Staff is using the new paint machine to prepare fields.

e) Baseball

Registration is underway. Parks has signed on with Buckhead to rent their facilities and will have practices weeknights and games on Saturday.

f) Seniors/Senior Center Update

After the COVID-19 hiatus, the dinner/dance for seniors returned with a Sock Hop on March 25, 2022. Tickets sold out with 75 sold. 10 volunteers from the

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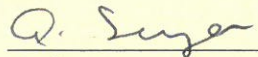
Center and River City Boppers Dance Club assisted with decorating, setup and cleanup.

Programming has increased since COVID cases dropped. Creative Aging is providing a 4-Week Pottery grant class this month. Cribbage Lessons and free play will be offered beginning in May.

The Senior Center's 10th Anniversary is Sunday, May 22, 2022. It's on a Sunday. A celebration will take place on Monday, May 23, 2022, with an all-day Open House. A complimentary meal at 4 p.m., and a two-hour outdoor concert, from 5 to 7 p.m. BOC and PRB members are invited. If it rains, concert will move inside IHC.

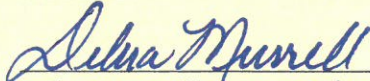
1) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 2) ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business taken into action, Amber Sawyer moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Steve Snow. Motion carried; voice, vote, all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Amber Sawyer, Secretary

ATTEST:



Debra Murrell, City Recorder