

LAKELAND MUNICIPAL PARKS & RECREATION/NATURAL RESOURCES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2022, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, LAKELAND, TENNESSEE 38002

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by PRB Chair, Mark Donley.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

III. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, July 12, 2022

Jessica Cannon moved to approve the regular minutes of July 12, 2022.
Mark Donley seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

V. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Lakeland resident, James DeBose, attended the meeting with a request to approach the Board regarding the direction of youth sports, and concerns with lack of communication. His has a son that plays rec football.

Vice Mayor, Michele Dial, City Manager, Michael Walker, and Parks and Recreation Director, Pat O'Mara, addressed the concerns.

PRB board members continued to discuss ways to improve communication and organization within the department.

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

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) City of Lakeland Comprehensive Parks Master Plan

The Comprehensive Parks Master Plan went to Board of Commissioner last week during their work session and will be voted on this week during their meeting. If passed it will be effective at that time.

The environmental report for Phase II is underway. Phase II will consist of baseball and back filling the things not done in Phase I. It's in the engineering phase now. We expect

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to have a written report and plan soon. It will go to BOC for better understanding on what is needed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Parks and Recreation activities and other items.

1) Capital Improvement Project Lists

Pat O'Mara presented the Board with an updated capital projects list that included additional budget allocations for irrigation projects at Windward Slopes Park, Zadie Kuehl, IH Park, City Hall Park, and Oakridge Park.

2) Division Updates

a. **IH Clubhouse**

Clubhouse rec room doors and cameras aimed at front doors will soon get an upgrade with a better zoom, and new access control equipment for the banquet room.

b. **Staffing**

- Parks Maintenance tech open for application
- Recreation specialist – senior center – new candidate accepted the position
- Recreation specialist – hiring athletics (seasonal) to help Even Johnson and Baylor Moss.

c. **Special Events**

The second summer concert was held July 23 featuring Triple Annie Band. Attendance increased over the previous month.

Community Day was held on August 6, 2022, in conjunction with Movie Night. It was well attended, with approximately 150 to 200 people.

Memphis Funk-N-Horns will be the featured band for the August 27th concert. Rock the Boat will close the summer concert series for 2022 on September 24th.

Staff is currently working out plans for a Harvest Festival, Christmas event, and Spring Fling.

d. **Summer Sports Programs**

Baseball ended last week.

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Flag football ended last week.

Adult soccer tournament is finishing up this week.

e. Fall Programs

Rec cheer stands at 52 participants.

Tackle football is underway. First games at end of month. Three games are scheduled at the stadium.

Staff is working with the school to host a Fall Homecoming Week. Home games will kick off Saturday in mid-September. We are trying to cap it off with our September concert.

Fall soccer is moving ahead with registration with lower numbers. Promotion for registration continues. Sean has pushed back the registration deadline to tomorrow (August 10).

f. Upcoming Programs

Adult flag football registration is underway for a six-week season with playoffs.

g. Senior Center

New programs include Social Bridge and Line Dance Lessons. Both begin this month.

The recent Ceramic Pottery Workshop provided by Creative Aging fill up to the maximum of 30 participants.

The Summer Luau Luncheon in July fill up to the maximum of 40.

Elvis Week Luncheon ticket sells are underway.

Plans for the annual Fall Y'all Dinner next month will soon be announced.

1) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 2) ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business taken into action, Mr. Steve Snow moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Amber Sawyer. Motion carried; voice, vote, all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Amber Sawyer
Amber Sawyer, Secretary

ATTEST:

Debra Murrell
Debra Murrell, City Recorder