



Lakeland Municipal Parks & Recreation/Natural Resources Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 5:30 PM  
Lakeland City Hall | 10001 HWY 70, Lakeland TN 38002

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:
- II. ROLL CALL:
- III. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:
- IV. PUBLIC DISCUSSION:
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
  - 1. Updates on the Athletic Complex, Phase II
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
  - 1. Presentation and Discussion on the Cheer Program - Contract Instructor, Candace Nurse
  - 2. Discussion and Goal Setting for the Lakeland Senior Center
  - 3. Division Updates
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by PRB Chair, Mark Donley.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

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

Staff personnel present for the meeting were Pat O'Mara, Parks and Recreation Director, Andrew Fisher, Recreational Manager, and Kim Odom, Senior Center Manager/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, February 21, 2023

Mrs. Jessica Cannon moved to approve the regular minutes of February 21, 2023. Commissioner Michele Dial seconded the motion. All in favor.

Two items were added to the agenda upon the request of Commissioner Dial. Both items moved to the top of the evening's Agenda.

1. Athletic Complex Update was added to New Biz.
2. YMCA discussion was added to Public Discussion.

Attending the meeting were Brian McLaughlin, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, and YMCA representative, Jeremy Long, with the YMCA 7171 Goodlett Farms to discuss possibilities for a YMCA facility in Lakeland.

Also attending were Danny Wynne and Tony Brown to join in the discussion of the youth basketball program.

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

V. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

- a) Mr. Brian McLaughlin, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer at the YMCA 7171 Goodlett Farms approached the PRB members about the possibility of bringing a YMCA facility to Lakeland. Discussion included recommendations on

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what the PRB members consider priority needs for a facility in the community. Mr. McLaughlin shared that if the YMCA were to come to Lakeland, the facility would not be a cookie cutter facility, comparing a YMCA in Lakeland to one in Brentwood, TN.

Some of the community needs mentioned by the PRB members included swimming pool and splash pad, indoor gym, childcare, multi-use space, basketball courts, pickleball, air nauseum, cross fit space, camps, soccer, indoor batting cage, etc.

Mr. McLaughlin encouraged PRB to check out the Healthy Places grant being offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield. The grant cycle opens in August. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that West Tennessee is a priority area being considered.

As far as a finical impact, land for a facility must be owned by the applicant. The timeline for a YMCA possibly coming to Lakeland would be two to three years with the land secured.

- b) Danny Wynne and Tony Brown attended the meeting to discuss the Youth Basketball Program and the success and growth of the program. A large part of the discussion included much-needed practice space for the program. Pat O'Mara and Commissioner Dial plan to communicate with the schools to discuss the use of their courts.

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

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Athletic Complex

An update was provided on current action going on with Phase II of the Athletic Complex. The necessity for baseball fields and the extension of the access road to create additional parking to support the Little League fields is also being looked at. Mr. O'Mara stressed that the site is going to be challenging. We have started to bring in specialists for what the concession and restrooms might look like. PRB will be updated moving forward. Mr. O'Mara added that an application (work order) has been filed with MLG&W to discuss where power would come from. We may have to go through a full bidding process to have it installed.

IH Improvements

ENSCOR, LLC, won the bid for a replacement parking lot at IH Park. The dirt process is moving forward. Substantial completion is expected by May 5.

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Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Staff were on hand to give away trees in honor of Arbor Day and TN Tree Day on Saturday, March 11, at IH Park. The types of trees available were Yellow Tulip Poplars, Red Oaks, and Flowering Dogwoods. Leftover trees will be available all week at Lakeland Senior Center. An announcement has been made on all social media accounts.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Update on Parks and Recreation activities and other items.**

1) Athletic Complex

Commissioner Dial announced that during the March 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Commissioners meeting, Mayor Josh Roman and Commissioners approved \$400,000.00 to provide power and lighting to both Phase I fields for this summer.

Mr. O'Mara announced that Barge and city staff met on March 1, to discuss the preliminary steps for lighting the Phase I and Phase II fields with a premiere sports lighting company to identify the process and needs. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, city staff had a virtual meeting to layout the process for getting power to the site.

2) Recreation/Sports Programs (Basketball & Cheer)

a) Basketball:

The discussion and work session featured goals of youth and adult sports programs. The biggest challenge for these programs is practice space. Currently we have access at the school and at St. Paul's. We pay rent and/or cleaning fees every time we use the facility. In some cases, two teams are practicing at same time and at half court.

Staff will work on getting a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to use courts at LPS, and search for additional facilities where practices can be held next year.

b) Cheer:

Goals for cheer were not discussed. Cheer Coach, Candice Nurse was unable to attend the meeting.

3) New Staff

Mr. O'Mara introduced Andrew Fisher as the new Recreation Manager.

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4) Division Updates

PRB members were provided a list of updates for recreation sports and senior center.

1) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 2) **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business taken into action, Mr. Steve Snow moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stacey Bond-Monasky. Motion carried; voice, vote, all present in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



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Amber Sawyer, *Secretary*

ATTEST:

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Debra Murrell, *City Recorder*

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# PARKS ADMINISTRATION

## 1. ATHLETIC COMPLEX, PHASE II

- A. Lights remain a top priority for the Athletic Complex.
  - i. We are working hard with Barge and MLGW to keep the project moving.
- B. Other designwork continues and some work has begun with the concession building layout for Phase II.
  - i. More to come...

## 2. IH PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Parking lot replacement is moving forward.
  - i. Asphalt is expected to be laid this week.

## 3. SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. 2023 Special Event planning has begun
  - i. Stormwater Run – 5/6 - Working with Engineering department's Storm water function and resources to plan this.
  - ii. Fishing Rodeo – 5/13
  - iii. Movie Nights – 5/20 & 8/4
  - iv. LAMP Concerts – 6/24, 7/22, 8/26, 9/23
  - v. Harvest Festival – 10/21
  - vi. Breakfast with Santa/Christmas Festival – 12/1 or 12/2
- B. Bands have been selected for the summer, and contracts are being put together.

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# PARKS MAINTENANCE

## 1. IH CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

- A. April
  - i. Non-Profit/Community Group Rentals: 25
  - ii. Private Rentals: 4

## 2. IH IMPROVEMENTS

- A. A new door access system to allow for the two rooms to be rented individually has been installed.
- B. The replacement of the lighting in Senior Center and outside the building has been scheduled and should be completed this month.

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# RECREATION / ATHLETICS UPDATE

## 1. FLAG FOOTBALL MINI SESSION

### A. Registration Numbers

- i. 8U has 29 registered.
- ii. 10U has 18 registered.
- iii. Signups last until May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### B. Flag Football – Timelines

- i. Evaluation day is on May 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>
- ii. 8U games are on Mondays and practices on Wednesdays.
- iii. 10U games are on Wednesdays and practices on Mondays.
- iv. Practices start May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENTAL BASEBALL

### A. Registration Numbers

- i. There are 5 signed up for 4U T-Ball
- ii. There are 5 signed up for 6U Coach Pitch
- iii. There are 7 signed up for 8U Coach Pitch

### B. Baseball – Timelines

- i. Practices will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays
- ii. 8U evaluation day will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30
- iii. Practices start May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## 3. ADULT SOCCER

### A. Registration Numbers

- i. Registration started on 4/5 and goes until June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### B. Adult Soccer – Timelines

- i. Games start on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 4. CHEER

### A. Cheer – Football

- i. We have 10 registered for Recreation Cheer
- ii. There is 1 signed up for Competitive Cheer

- iii. Registration is open until July 23rd.

**B. Cheer – Timelines**

- i. Uniform fitting scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> 5PM at IH Clubhouse
- ii. Summer practices are July 11 – August 2 from 12 – 1 pm
- iii. School year practices are August 8 – November 16<sup>th</sup> (depending on post-season schedule)
- iv. Game schedule TBD

## **5. TACKLE FOOTBALL**

**A. Tackle Football Registration Numbers**

- i. 8U has 1 signed up.
- ii. 10U has 3 signed up.
- iii. 12U does not have anyone signed up yet.
- iv. Registration lasts until June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Tackle Football - Timelines**

- i. Practice starts July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. TENNIS CLINICS**

**A. Tennis Clinic Registration Numbers**

- i. 5-10 age group has 7 registered total.
- ii. 11-18 age group has 3 registered total.

**B. Tennis Clinic - Timelines**

- i. The first set of clinics started March 12<sup>th</sup> and will run until April 16<sup>th</sup>
- ii. The second set of clinics will start on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and run until May 21<sup>st</sup>

## **7. YOUTH SOCCER**

**A. Youth Soccer Update**

- i. All teams have been practicing and the first games were this past Saturday.

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# SENIORS/SENIOR CENTER UPDATE

## 1. SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

- A. Seniors Spring Dinner was scheduled for March 31st.
  - i. 65 tickets sold.
  - ii. Dinner was postponed to April 21 due to the severe weather that came through the area.
  - iii. Entertainment provided by the Creative Aging Grant funds.

## 2. SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

- A. Garden Club has been busy already. They are planting flowers, and herbs, on the patio in the raised bins from the Eagle Scout Project.
  - i. They are currently working on a rain barrel irrigation system for the patio as there is no hose connection in that area.
- B. Line Dancing for beginners will continue for the next six months through a private contractor.
  - i. This is a minimal fee program for our seniors

## 3. LAKELAND SENIOR CENTER COOKBOOK

- A. We are collecting our favorite recipes from our potluck and cookoffs of the past and will be consolidating them into a Lakeland Senior Center Cookbook. This is expected to become a fall fundraiser.

## 4. APRIL CALENDAR ATTACHED