

LAKELAND MUNICIPAL PARKS & RECREATION/NATURAL RESOURCES
ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, LAKELAND, TENNESSEE 38002

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

II. **ROLL CALL:**

(C) Mark Donley	Present
Stacy Bond-Monasky	Absent
Jessica Cannon	Absent
Jenny Kiesel	Present
Ben Ledsinger	Present
Jeff Roman	Present
Amber Sawyer	Present
Steve Snow	Present
Commissioner Michele Dial	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. The meeting was presented by Mr. O'Mara.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2023

Jenny Kiesel moved to approve the regular minutes of January 10, 2023.

Commissioner Michele Dial seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

V. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Sean Andre with TN Soccer Association provided an update on the progress of the Lakeland Recreation Soccer Program. Mr. Andre reported that they have received great support from the parents. The 2022 spring registration was filled with 172 kids. Fall registrants was 125. There are currently 168 registered for the upcoming spring. The program goal is to start at the grass roots and grow into competitive. Mr. Andre announced the program has two new partnerships with Cycle Bar and StretchLab, along with Dick's Sporting Goods. Mr. Andre expressed that they are working on more exposure to the program in the Lakeland community to help growth.

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

VII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Athletic Complex

A progress update on the Lakeland Athletic Complex, Phase II design and engineering was provided to the PRB. Design and engineering should be at 45% to 50% by the end of June. Completion is expected in the 2024 Fiscal Year.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Parks and Recreation activities and other items.

1) Parks and Recreation Board Leadership

Nominations for PRB leadership positions for calendar year 2023 were heard and voted on. Positions up for nominations included PRB Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Board members voted unanimously to reinstall the current Board Leadership.

- a) Mr. Mark Donley was nominated by Mr. Steve Snow to continue the role of Chair for the PRB. Mr. Snow made the motion to accept Mr. Donley as Chair for the 2023 calendar year. Commissioner Michele Dial seconded. All were in favor.
- b) Mrs. Amber Sawyer nominated Mr. Steve Snow to continue the role of Vice Chair for the PRB calendar year 2023. Mrs. Sawyer made a motion; Mr. Mark Donley seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- c) Commissioner Michele Dial nominated Amber Sawyer to continue the role of Secretary for the PRB during the 2023 calendar year. Commissioner Dial made a motion; Mr. Ben Ledsinger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2) Discussion and work session on Lakeland Youth and Adult Athletics Programs

This month's discussions on Youth and Adult Athletics Program were on Youth Flag and Tackle, and Adult Flag. Guests attending the meeting for open dialog with PRB members included previous coaches with Lakeland's Football programs. Those attending were Dan Kelly, Tony Brown, Richard Cardo, James DeBose, Chad Richards, Eric Padgett, Sean McAnally, Chad House. Suggestions were presented on how to support the flag and tackle program to co-exist and feed each other. Discussion also included preparing youth athletes for the middle school program.

1) ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board members were reminded that the next meeting is March 21, 2023, at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. The date was changed due to Spring Break. The Parks and Recreation program discussion will be on cheer, and basketball.

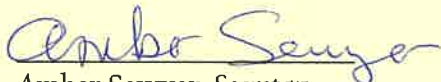
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Board members were also encouraged to think about how they want to structure the PRB meetings to get the most out of it. Mr. O'Mara said he has been pleased with the last two meetings and feels they have been two of the most productive meetings he recalls.

- 2) **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business taken into action, Steve Snow moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Dial. Motion carried; voice, vote, all present in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.




Amber Sawyer, Secretary

ATTEST:


Debra Murrell, City Recorder