



Farragut Parks and Athletics
Council Minutes Farragut
Community Center Assembly Hall
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Present: Scott Russ, Jeff Ullian, Alderman Drew Burnette, Debbie Pinchok, Vonnie Tharp, Derek Wright, Riley Honken

Absent: Jeff Devlin, Mark Geller

Staff: Lauren Cox, Ron Oestreich

Visitors: Mayor Ron Williams, Ron Pinchok

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by chairperson Jeff Ullian.
2. Drew Burnette moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Vonnie Tharp and unanimously approved.
3. Lauren introduced the new Parks and Rec Director, Ron Oestreich, from the Chicago area. He was the director of a very large park system there and is happy to be coming to Farragut. He is excited to see and know that the people and community here are definitely “pro parks”.
4. Sue Stuhl declined the offer to be the Grand Marshall of the Independence Day Parade this year. An offer is to be extended soon to another nominee and we hope to hear from him/her this week per Lauren.
5. CIP and LPRF update by Lauren Cox:
 - The west diamond field at MBLP is getting bids to replace 4 inches of dirt due to debris coming up through the soil. The field is blocked off now and cannot be used. They hope to have it completed in June at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Park Facility Operator, Ryan Rhodus, is doing work on the other fields with his staff.
 - Lauren updated us saying that soccer Field 2 and our McFee Dog Park in phase 5 are in a \$1.25 grant application we have made. The ADA requirements for the dog park are to be designed by an engineering company. We discussed having Harrison Forbes

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design the dog park. The bathroom there will be a prefab design similar to the one being installed at the Blue Cross Park at Town Hall and will have a dog paw washing station with it. The Town Hall restroom request has been submitted and we are waiting on the final design. The state requires insulation so that still needs to be installed in it. We still need to do the additional parking at McFee Park and are waiting for possible ARPA money to be granted.

- Lauren reviewed p. 41 of the master plan and listed many of the projects that have been completed: at McFee Park lighting of the basketball court, the 1 ½ mile bike/walk trail is almost finished, splash pad improvements, McFee Phase 4, added 4 more heavy duty trash cans. Anchor Park has a remote-control vehicle operating to keep geese from overrunning the fields and walking paths.
6. Mayor Williams discussed the work being done to add a parcel of land adjacent to MBLP on Watt Road.
 7. There was to be a fee review of fields and other amenities. Scott moved to revisit the rental fee issue at the next meeting. Jeff Ullian seconded, and it was unanimously approved. There was discussion about times for court lights at McFee Park and it will also be revisited.
 8. Scott Russ moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM and Debbie Pinchok seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok, Secretary

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