



Farragut Parks and Athletics Council Minutes
Farragut Community Center Assembly Hall
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 6:00 PM

Present: Jeff Ullian, Mark Gellar, Riley Honken, Debbie Pinchok, Vonnie Tharp, Randy Armstrong, Drew Burnette, Derek Wright

Absent: Scott Russ

Staff: Lauren Cox, Ron Oestrich

Visitors: Joe Ludick, George Ellis from Brass Lantern neighborhood

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by chairperson Jeff Ullian. Mark moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of Great Lawn Fees. Seconded by Drew and approved unanimously.
2. Drew moved to approve the minutes of the April 11 meeting. Riley seconded with unanimous approval.
3. CIP update:
 - Lauren stated that the Hike/Bike Trail at McFee Park is completed. Directional signs should be completed in May along with a trailhead sign. A ribbon cutting should be held in June
 - Grigsby Chapel Greenway signs are being updated.
 - Bids have been received for the new soil and work to be completed on the MBLP West Diamond field. Bids came in under budget. On June 1st the Town Public Works Department will begin. The new soil work should begin on June 19. This will go to BOMA for approval prior to that date.
4. Anabel Zablach, a junior at Knoxville Catholic High School, applied to be a youth representative on the Parks and Athletics Council. Riley Honken nominated her for the position and it was seconded by Mark Gellar and she was elected by a unanimous vote. Lauren will notify her on May 10 by email and she will begin her term in July.
5. There was a discussion regarding extending the time that tennis/pickleball court lights and basketball court lights at McFee Park will be allowed to be kept on. Keeping them lit later at night will hopefully help prevent park vandalism and help encourage people to utilize the courts until later into the evening especially during the hot summer weather. The tennis lights are on now until 9:45 PM but only if there is a court reserved. Many residents have requested that all the lights be lit until 9:45 PM with or without a reservation. The park closes at 10 PM and the staff leaves at 10:30. Installation of electronic entry gates will go out for bid on June 27. Drew moved that all court lights remain on until 9:45 PM with or without reservations. It was seconded by Randy Armstrong and unanimously approved.
6. There was discussion regarding rental fees for the Great Lawn at McFee Park. You must also rent a pavilion if renting the Great Lawn. We discussed rental fees for half-day events vs. a full day event. We rent up to 1 year in advance. Some parks have rental rates based on size of the group and whether they are a for profit or non profit group. We also charge extra for electrical use. There is an extra fee for tables and chairs to be set up in the pavilion if they are to be used.



- Randy moved to charge non-profit organizations \$400 for a half-day and \$500 for a full day, and for private or for profit rentals to charge \$600 for a half-day and \$700 for a full day. The motion included that we would limit the size of the groups renting to 120 people until we can evaluate that number of guests using the facility, parking, etc. . It was seconded by Riley Hoken and unanimously approved. Ron and Lauren will send out a chart to the council members with these numbers more clearly defined.

-Mark moved to adjourn and Drew seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Lauren and Ron welcomed our guests from Brass Lantern. They represented their HOA and they had concerns regarding loud noise and music, vandalism, kids turning on car headlights and playing basketball until midnight or later. They were reassured by Town Staff that all these concerns are being heard and addressed and that the electronic gates coming soon will hopefully stop many of these issues. They were encouraged to continue to communicate with Town staff for any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok,
Secretary