

SMYRNA PARKS AND RECREATION PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2022

The monthly Smyrna Parks and Recreation Parks Advisory Board Meeting was held January 18, 2022, at Smyrna Outdoor Adventure Center, Smyrna, Tennessee. Ernie Felts called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

PRESENT Ten people were present: Ernie Felts; Gracie Dugan; Mayor Mary Esther Reed; Tommy Williams; Carl Boyd; Mike Moss, Director; Jimmy Stitt and Kay Arnold, staff; Brian Hercules, Town Manager; Rex Gaither, Assistant Town Manager

ABSENT Councilmember H.G. Cole, Michael Potts, Clay Phillips, Charles Scurr, Eli Victory

SUMMARY Prayer: Mark Hardy

Citizen's Comments: None

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Mayor Reed moved to approve December's minutes; Carl seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business: Concerning Update on Restroom Projects, Rotary Soccer Annex is currently under construction. The building will have restrooms, satellite concession area, storage, and a large, covered porch area. A layout of the building was displayed along with a building progress photo. Tommy stated that having an additional restroom building in another area of the park will help the young kids from having to walk so far. Brian added that the Building and Grounds Department may not be able to continue with in-house construction in the future. Their workload has increased, and he does not expect a decrease. Mike replied that he is aware and expects to have to bid out future construction projects.

Freedom Playground Restroom Building has been designed and Mike displayed a rendering of the building. The plans include a Family Restroom with an adult changing table. This size changing table is difficult to find by people that use them so it will be beneficial to families that have family members with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Brian stated that future restroom buildings being constructed may have the family restrooms included too.

Mayor Reed asked if newly installed water fountains have the water bottle fillers. Mike replied that he plans to.

Gracie asked when the park water fountains will be turned back on from being winterized. They will be turned back on during the month of April.

Cedar Stone Park Concession Building, Phase II, has been partially designed. This restroom building will include a Family Restroom with adult changing table. The overall size of the building has been increased compared to the first-phase building due to the addition of the family restroom, and the storage area will be larger too. The Phase II building, as designed, is facing east, and Mike wants the concession windows to face west, in order to see the crowd within the park complex.

Mayor Reed stated that she has received complaints that there is no shade over the bleachers at Cedar Stone Park. Jimmy stated that we are having shade canopies installed over the scorekeeper tables soon. Mike stated that he is adding shade structures over the bleachers as an add option on the Phase II bid.

There was some discussion pertaining to the possibility of putting additional freezers in the concession building storage area to help hold additional food for large tournaments. Last year there were times they ran out of food to sell. Mike stated he is hesitant to add on additional costs to the construction cost at this point.

New Business: Concerning Review of 2022 DRAFT Calendars, Tournament Calendar and Event Calendar. Mike reminded the board that the distributed calendars are *drafts only* at this point. There is a March soccer tournament that he knows has been omitted on this draft. The Youth Football dates are not posted yet either. He reviewed both calendars.

Mayor Reed asked if there may be other teams that want to play in Smyrna but cannot get on the schedule because it is already fully booked. Mike stated that the organizations that made the schedule are all reputable groups and follow the required guidelines. Mike then explained the concession operation plan for all the scheduled tournaments.

Registration site is open for the Top Gun Night Run, scheduled for September 16, 2022.

At this point in time Mike is unsure if the annual Kids Safety Day will be held this year or not. More to come.

Reports of Officers, Committees, or Staff: Mike reviewed upcoming events listed on the agenda. He added that the Dinosaur exhibit is currently being installed and will open soon.

Director's Report: Mike reviewed his monthly report. He added that the maintenance staff came in on a Saturday recently to load the Amazing Castle exhibit onto tractor trailers to take away. Park facilities will open for 2022 rentals on February 1st. New outside lights have been installed at the Train Depot. An entrance sign will be installed soon at the new Lee Victory Recreation Park entrance off Nolan Drive. Youth Flag Football registrations are open now. Park Board members should receive their Volunteer of the Year Banquet invitation and tickets in the mail soon; Mayor Reed encouraged everyone to attend the banquet.

Council Report: Mayor Reed reviewed highlights from the latest meeting then asked if anyone had any questions. The town is working to repair potholes that came up after the recent

snowstorms. Ernie stated that drivers at his place of work commented on how clear Smyrna's roadways were during the recent snow events. Street lighting will be improved along Sam Ridley Parkway at some point. Brian stated that the finishing touches are being made on the Sam Ridley Parkway widening project and that the traffic lights will be re-programmed too. Mayor Reed explained the reason she and Brian give updates on other town business is so that Park Board members can provide information to other citizens on town project status and so forth. She invited the board members to contact herself or Brian if they ever need more information about town projects.

Other: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.