

Farragut Parks and Athletics Council Meeting

January 10, 2012

6:00 PM at the Town Hall

Present: Jay Smelser, Margi Milburn, Ron Pinchok, Russ Barber, Nadia Kogeler, Pat Sloan, Carlo Gorla

1. Minutes of the November 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Independence Day Parade Grand Marshall
Jay reported that most of the names that had been suggested for consideration to be the Grand Marshall were not available. He has contacted Mike Witcher, the weatherman on WBIR Channel 10, and invited him to be the Parade Grand Marshall. Jay is awaiting his response.
3. McFee Park Master Plan Update
The town issued a request for proposal for a firm to prepare a new master plan for the expansion of McFee Park. Four proposals have been received. The town staff is in the process of reviewing and scoring the proposals. A preliminary timeline for going forward with the project was reviewed with completion of activities currently scheduled for June 1.
4. Field Use Discussion
Sixteen organizations have requested use of fields, which is fewer than last year. They are currently meeting to work out any conflicts. Guidance was given to them that if there is a conflict they can't resolve, the organization who first made their request will be given priority. Jay discussed the organizations who have requested field use and the process we would follow when we met with them to approve their proposal. He also said he had suggested to the organizations that we hold the field allocation meeting later in January next year in order to give them more time to assess their needs.
5. Other
 - The committee will meet sometime in February to discuss the McFee Master Plan status.
6. Field Allocation Meeting with Field Use Groups
Jay presented the proposed plan for Town of Farragut fields as worked out by the Field Use groups. There were no conflicts and the plan was accepted. Jay explained that he would send out the contracts and starting February 17, groups could call and ask for use of unscheduled fields. Others may then call and request use of any remaining available fields. Jay also summarized the plans for expanding the McFee Park facility.

Jay asked for comments or questions and received the following feedback.

- AYSO soccer participation is down due to increased church soccer leagues.
- Appreciation was expressed for the low cost (\$15/hr) for use of the fields which makes it possible for many youth to participate that would not be able to do so otherwise.
- Concern was expressed about the basis for closing the fields due to weather. Jay explained the process he goes through in personally making that decision and the maintenance costs resulting from using fields that are too wet.