

Parks and Athletics Council

Meeting Minutes

10/1/13

Opening

The regular meeting of the Parks and Athletics Council was called to order at 6:08 pm on 10/1/13.

Some members visited the artificial turf field at MBLP prior to the regular meeting to see the progress of installation.

Present

Ron, Pat, Michael, Loretta, Tyler, Sharon, Nadia, Drew, Maria, Lori Saal, Sue Stuhl, Jay Smelser

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

New Business

1. Single Stream Recycling
 - a. Lori Saal presented her ideas for introducing single stream recycling in 1-2 of the parks and at the Town Hall as a pilot project
 - b. If the limited implementation were to succeed, the hope would be to expand to all Farragut parks
 - c. Loretta made a motion, seconded by Pat, to recommend to the BOMA that they support single stream recycling in the parks and at the Town Hall
 - d. The Council unanimously approved
2. Firearm ordinance
 - a. The Council had a long, productive discussion regarding the history and future of allowing firearms (specifically concealed carry weapons) in Farragut parks and greenways
 - b. If the ordinance was to be changed, the Council was specifically concerned about its effects on drawing athletic tournaments to the town (economic impact), the impact on school properties that ban firearms (St. John Neumann and FPS for example), the difficulty in future land acquisition for greenway expansion, and the risks of accidental or purposeful discharge. Also noted was the lack of "real" crime in the parks and that there could never be a firearm ban in the future (without a state law change) if the ordinance was to be changed at this juncture.
 - c. The Council voted unanimously to recommend to the BOMA that the current ordinance remain unchanged.
3. Discussion of a gift of a pagoda
 - a. A citizen is considering donating a pagoda to the Town but many details are unclear
 - b. The consensus among the Council and Town staff was to pursue the donation for the Outdoor Classroom
4. Volunteer Greenway Patrol
 - a. The Town is involved with developing a citizen-led greenway patrol with the City of Knoxville and Knox County.

- b. This project is still in the earliest planning stages
- 5. Artificial Turf Field Update
 - a. The construction is slightly ahead of schedule
 - b. The public ribbon-cutting ceremony is November 7, 2013 at 6 pm.
 - c. Council members are invited and encouraged to attend
- 6. Field use discussion
 - a. There was a high demand for the new field at MBLP for the winter
 - b. Initial conflicts existed, but the interested groups were able to resolve them on their own. Therefore, the Council did not have to make any decisions regarding the allocation of this field at this time.
- 7. Independence Day Grand Marshall
 - a. Several nominations were made for this position
 - b. Jay will email the Council with the full list of nominees from last year and this year. Council members shall rank the nominees in order of preference and Jay will begin contacting them, beginning with the top choice.
- 8. Upcoming Event
 - a. Freaky Friday Fright Night on 10/25
 - b. The Council is encouraged to volunteer, beginning at 4:30 pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday January 14, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Maria Danker