

Farragut Parks and Athletics Council

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Chairman Augie DiGiovanni.

Present: Alden Rosner, Sue Stuhl, Loretta Bradley, Noel Poindexter, Valerie DeBoe, Tyler Mallison, Debbie Pinchok, Augie DiGiovanni.

Absent: Michael Peters, Tim Hill

1. Noel Poindexter moved to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Valerie DeBoe. They were unanimously approved.
2. Alden reported that we had 22 softball teams and 33 volleyball teams for the fall season just ending and the fields are closed for the winter. There was a middle school soccer tournament on August 20th with 18 teams and Concord Christian held a varsity football game at MBLP #3 on Aug. 19. The shade structure at McFee is still being worked on. He reviewed the field use chart and reminded the committee that the fiscal year runs July1-June 30. Synthetic turf fields #1 and #2 at MBLP are open year round and next summer/fall field #3 will become synthetic turf also. Sue mentioned that they are looking to make some natural turf fields more useable when heavy rains prevent their use.

Alden also reminded the council that in January field time will be allocated to those groups requesting playing time. He also reviewed the council's FY 2017 Goals.

3. Sue stated that Freaky Friday was a huge success. She also said that the Town Education Committee was working with the high schools to have student interns attend the various committee meetings to learn how our Town functions. She reminded us of the two community input sessions coming up as well as an online survey for citizens to offer ideas and feedback on the McFee Park expansion. The master plan should be completed in winter or spring. Construction time is not yet set. There is work actively being done on MBLP. Staff has met with the consultant and designers and the upgrades should be complete by the end of the summer or fall using the \$500,000 grant that was awarded. This includes another artificial turf field, more parking, larger restrooms, etc.
4. Sue reviewed the rental fees for pavilions, fields, etc. They may be rented up to a year in advance and on line. They can be used free of charge if not reserved. There are no refunds but a date may be changed 30 days out from the scheduled event or rescheduled due to inclement weather. There are no food trucks allowed. No alcohol is allowed in the parks. There is a full list of all rules and restrictions available. The council approved the current rate/fee schedule.

5. Alden discussed field usage and stated that the softball season was usually 7 weeks and then tournaments at the end of the season. The last price increase we had was 3 years ago and that was mostly to increase pay for the officials that referee the games. Tournament companies are often for profit even though the organizations sponsoring the tournaments are non-profit. We currently have a two tier system charging nearly twice as much for “for profit” groups even though our revenue last year was “0” for this group. After much discussion the motion was made by Debbie Pinchok to change the hourly rental rates on the natural turf fields to \$20/hr. from \$15 and for the synthetic turf to \$40/hr. Tournaments will remain at \$85 for half day and \$150 for full day on natural and \$150 half day and \$300 full day on the synthetic turf fields with no increase in hourly or tournament rates for the for profit groups. Valerie DeBoe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Alden presented a list of previous Grand Marshalls for the Independence Day Parades and another list of possible candidates for 2017. Several other names were mentioned including Dr. William Bass, Dr. Briggs, Missy Kane, Andy and Allison from WIVK. This decision will be made at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.