

Farragut Parks and Athletics Council Minutes
Farragut Community Center
Classroom
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
6:00 PM
Minutes

Present: Anabel Zablah (youth representative), Joe Lacroix, Mark Gellar, Debbie Pinchok, Dian Hall, Derek Wright, Alderman Drew Burnette

Absent: Jeff Ullian, Randy Armstrong, Riley Honken

Staff present: Ron Oestrich, Parks and Recreation Director; Ryan Rhodus, Blake Travis

Guest: Mayor Ron Williams

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Mark Gellar.
2. Approval of the minutes of January 9 were deferred to await the arrival of a member on the way so that a quorum could be reached.
3. Ron introduced our new Parks Manager Blake Travis. Blake has many years experience in park management and is very eager to work on many of our upcoming projects.
4. The 2024 Independence Day Parade Grand Marshal discussion and vote was delayed so that a quorum could be present.
5. Ron gave an update on the Parks and Recreation current Master Plan.
 - The parking lot paver installation near the dog park area is under contract to be started next month. A grant has been awarded for it. The dog park itself will be started later this year after all the parking areas are completed.
 - It was found that the restroom at the Town Hall/Blue Cross Park was more time consuming and complicated than expected with additional electrical and plumbing work needed. The same type of restroom facility will be available at the dog park.
 - The team has met with an engineer to discuss the design work of all the ADA improvements at MBLP to put us into better compliance with ADA regulations.
 - CSI (Campbell Station Inn) scoping meeting was held to determine the future use of and renovation of the building. Partial use as a Visitors Center is probable. The group also approved the architecture work on the first floor. They will be asking for bids on renovating the basement.
 - The electronic gates at McFee Park have piping installed and the hope is that they will be operational by the end of March
 - Twenty-four 6 foot arborvitae trees have been planted on the hill near the tennis/pickleball courts to help alleviate the noise issue for some residents of Brass Lantern.

Blake spoke on bids for the field maintenance on the synthetic turf fields 1 and 2 at MBLP. There is a newer, better product called Pivot that has no crumb rubber, decreases surface temperatures by 30%, and has a 12-year warranty. It may need to be swept twice monthly instead of once.

There should be a renovation of the Sand Volleyball Complex in early 2025. The grant contract has been signed by the mayor.

6. Multiple fees were reviewed by Parks staff including Athletic Field , Great Lawn Rental, and Pavilion Rental. There were two change recommendations from staff:
 - to increase Open Space Great Lawn Rental Fees
 - to increase tournament fees on the synthetic rectangle fields. See charts for details.

Drew Burnette moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting and was seconded by Derek Wright and approved unanimously.

We were then able to vote for the Grand Marshall for the Independence Day Parade 2024. There was discussion. Then Drew Burnette nominated Gene McKissic from FMS and it was seconded by Derek Wright. The vote was unanimous. Ron will notify Mr. McKissic of this honor.

7. Drew moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Derek Wright and was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok, Secretary