

Farragut Parks and Athletic Council
Farragut Community Center
Classroom
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Minutes

Present: Mark Geller, Riley Honken, Randy Armstrong, Brian Walker, Joe Lacroix, Jeff Ullian, Dian Hall, Alderman Drew Burnette (late), Debbie Pinchok

Absent: Derek Wright, Anabel Zablah (Youth Representative),

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by chair Jeff Ullian.
2. The minutes were amended to delete the name of Ryan Rhodus as being present, add Brian Walker as being present, and change to the correct spelling of Mark Geller's name. Mark moved to accept the amended minutes. Randy seconded and it was passed unanimously.
3. Mr. McKissic from FMS was unable to accept the role of Grand Marshall in the Independence Day parade due to health reasons. Both Joyce Moran and Dot LaMarche were on the list of candidates to fill that role. Joyce Moran has over 3,000 volunteer hours and is the only person that has Admiral status in our Volunteer Navy. Dot has been Vice-Mayor, an Alderman, chaired multiple committees, been a member of many committees, and has volunteered in many capacities over a very long period of time. Their dedication to Farragut is evident in all they say and do. Mark moved to nominate them and Randy seconded. They were chosen by unanimous vote. If they cannot accept, Steve Branson from Farragut Youth Baseball will be offered the honor. Note: After the meeting, Drew recommended we also include Marianne McGill, wife of former Mayor and also a strong volunteer and Advocate for the Town. I extended an invitation to her as well.
4. Ron reviewed the Staff Recommendations for Rental Fees. It includes increasing tournament fees on the synthetic turf rectangle fields from \$300 for a ½ day from \$300 to \$325, and the all day fee from \$600 to \$625. Also noted were increases in great lawn rental fees. All other fees remain the same. Riley moved to accept the fee schedule changes. Joe seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
5. Ron also updated us with some changes in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Highlights included adding a dedicated pickleball complex at MBLP where soccer field 6 is now with 8 pickleball courts and 25 parking spaces.

There will be community surveys this year for 2025 that will focus on our new 70 acre property near McFee Park. We want all the community to give input and share ideas on how they would like to see this area develop.

The renovation of Campbell Station Inn is in planning stages and may involve Tourism and a visitors center.

The electronic gates at McFee Park should be operational by the end of April.

The volleyball complex renovation is on the schedule for 2025.

We had two citizens present at the meeting voicing desires for more than 8 pickleball courts at MBLP. Eight courts is the plan for now and Ron suggested that could be added to our survey of how to utilize our 70 acre addition.

Blake informed us of the new upgrades coming soon including new backboards and resurfacing for the Anchor Park basketball court.

6. Dian Hall moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Joe Lacroix. Jeff adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok, Secretary