

Farragut Parks and Athletics Council Minutes
Farragut Community Center
Large Classroom
6:00 PM Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Minutes

Members present: Ayden Perez, Bill McAdams, Joe LaCroix, Dian Hall, Jerry Pullen, Debbie Pinchok, Jeff Ullian, Derek Wright, Mark Gellar, Drew Burnette

Absent: Brian Walker, Riley Honken

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Derek Wright.
2. The minutes of the August 13 meeting were reviewed. Joe moved to accept and Jeff seconded and they were unanimously approved.
3. Ron reviewed the current situation with the McFee Park tennis/pickleball courts. Mrs. Zina from Brass Lantern was worried that some pickleball players were taking advantage of the courts without paying when they entered while others were playing. The good news was there was NO pickleball being played on the north court, just tennis. We will continue with the no same day reservations as the current plan is working for the south court. The goal was to keep that court open for pickleball. The new courts at MBLP are still in the design development phase. It's been found that if the complex size exceeds 1 acre then there will have to be stormwater mitigation measures taken that would increase cost by roughly \$600.00. This information will be presented to BOMA.
4. Committee goals were reviewed by Blake and Ron. Current goals were accepted with two additional ones:
 - a. Discussion led by Jerry Pullen regarding having field equipment for the smaller football players 8-10 years old such as goal posts.
 - b. Council members need to commit to one community activity such as Freaky FridayJeff moved to accept the current goals with the two additions. Derek seconded. Unanimously approved.
5. Ron and Blake reviewed the CIP. See handout. Highlights included:
 - a. That the pavers and permeable parking lots project at McFee Park received an ARPA Grant. The staff is awaiting bid approval and it will be presented to BOMA on September 12.
 - b. The ADA walking trail project should be out for bids in October. There is still a question if it could be connected to the pickleball area.
 - c. Blake said the two synthetic turf fields are complete. The surfaces usually last 15-18 years. They are so High tech they could be certified as official FIFA fields at a cost of \$25,000.
 - d. The McFee Dog Park will begin after the parking lot is completed in 2025. The Boyd Foundation grant was used to purchase items that will be used later in the process.
6. Blake discussed that there is a technology company that can retrofit gates to courts that will help release them if there is ever an emergency and the gates are locked.

Dian brought up the Christmas Parade through the FHS middle and high school grounds and parking lots.

Ron shared that the group is becoming a 5013C organization. They will be having a different parade route this year that is longer through Jamestowne Blvd. area and ending at the ice rink and Campbell Station Inn.

Bill moved to adjourn and Dian seconded. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok, Secretary

