

Parks and Athletics Council Meeting
Farragut Community Center
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
6:00 PM

Members present: Mark Gellar, Debbie Pinchok, Dian Hall, Ayden Perez (student rep), Brian Walker, Joe Lacroix, Bill McAdams Jerry Pullen, Jeff Ullian, Derek Wright, Randy Armstrong

Absent: Drew Burnette

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by chair Mark Gellar.
2. Randy moved to accept the minutes of the November 19 meeting. Derek seconded and it passed unanimously.
3. The field allocation meeting with the change in format was held on January 7. Blake stated it was very organized and very well received. The diamond field coaches were very happy with having a room and staff there to help as needed. They completed the process in 47 minutes. There were more questions in the room with the rectangle field coaches, mostly about the 3 practice time slots each evening of 5:00-6:30, 6:30-8. They completed these fields in 1:10. The coaches were all very pleased with the organization and the fact they didn't need to go into "the big room" to review all the schedules.
4. Coach Dodgen had been the GM in the Christmas Parade but it was felt that the committee wanted both Coach Dodgen and Coach Buckner to be Grand Marshalls for the Independence Day Parade. Joe moved to nominate both and Bill seconded. It passed unanimously.
5. CIP Review- See handout for more details.
 - The permeable paver parking lot at McFee Park should be completed by May.
 - Construction or purchase of a moveable concert stage will be moved to the 2026 Tourism budget.
 - The Town received a retroactive LWCF grant for \$2.75 million dollars for 50% of the price of the McFee Road 70 acre property purchase. An archeological dig took place to make sure there were no artifacts that could be damaged. None were found. The first stage of construction may be a roundabout at Boyd Station Rd. Community surveys will probably be done in March/April to get input from the citizens. A priority is preserving as many trees as possible.
 - Bidding is opening this week to design and create a Welcome/Visitors Center at the CSI with the Tourism Team.
6. Other: There is a grant request pending for renovation of the sand volleyball court at MBLP
 - The pickleball court construction at MBLP is underway and may be ready to use by the fall.
 - The ice skating rink by the CSI was very successful for the first year. There were 3,200 skaters and the rink will be enlarged next year to hold up to 40 skaters at a time, not 30. It may be at least 40ft. X 40 ft. or possibly larger. The total cost was \$55,000 and revenue was \$16,000.

Jeff moved to adjourn at 6:39. Derek seconded and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Pinchok, Secretary

