

Parks and Athletics Council
Farragut Community Center
Tuesday April 8, 2025
6:00 PM

Members present: Brian, Dian, Jerry, Debbie, Jeff, Bill, Joe, Derek, Ayden (student member)

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

Absent: Drew, Randy

1. Meeting was called to order by chair Derek Wright at 6:00 PM
2. Joe moved to accept the minutes of the March 11 meeting. Dian seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Ron updated us on changes to take place in Town departments. In FY26 Parks will be merged with the Recreation department and called Parks and Recreation. He gave us the Parks and Recreation Updates that had been discussed at the April 3 Recreation meeting so we would be updated on the events and projects that are currently in their department. We have a calendar of FY26 Goals for the newly named Parks and Recreation Department.
 - Tourism has received a grant and a commercial to attract more visitors to Farragut will be made in Chattanooga.
 - Many of the Musco lights at some fields were out and our excellent Parks Maintenance crew was able to repair them themselves and save the Town quite a bit of money.
 - Currently there are 55 entries for the Annual July 4th Independence Day Parade.
 - The museum is ready to open in the Town Hall building. It will be open Tuesday-Saturday most weeks and open on the evenings of the BOMA meetings.
 - The newly renovated Town Hall will have a community Open House on Monday, April 14 from 4PM-6PM.
 - The opening is set for April 21 with a ribbon cutting on April 24.
4. Ron advised us to read the FY26 goals developed for the Parks and Recreation Department.

We also were reminded that we will not have Founder's Park available this summer until September due to sewer and park construction projects

5. There is going to be a community wide survey beginning on May 1. It includes input on importance of different programming, aspects of Farragut Parks & Recreation, and desired amenities at the new 70 acre property at Mcfee Road and Boyd Station. Members were asked to attend events in Farragut and ask people to complete the surveys. We want it to be a random sampling. There was great input from members regarding changes, and additions to the survey along with using Facebook, Instagram and a scannable QR code.
6. Party in the Park will be held at McFee Park July 25 from 6 PM-8 PM. There will be many activities, food trucks, music and more. A subcommittee was formed to help with planning and it includes Brian, Dian and Joe.

7. Blake reported that the Dog Park parking lot is about 45% completed and should be finished in June. ADA access will be needed. Design work is being done. The proposed bathroom at the park will now have two stalls instead of just one with an increase of price.

The ADA access to the walking trail at MBLP is partly completed and expected to take about two months to complete. Bids will be opening April 24.

It will take about 6 months to complete the Pickleball courts at MBLP. Bid opening will begin April 24 and should take about 6 months to complete.

The Campbell Station Inn remodeling is moving along well, and the Tourism department hopes to move into the completed building by October 1.

8. There were no communications from the public.
9. Joe moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeff. Unanimous vote and meeting adjourned at 6:57. PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Pinchok, Secretary