

Parks & Athletics Council Meeting

Farragut Community Center

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

6:00 PM

Staff present: Ron Oestreich, Blake Travis

Members present: Ayden Perez (Student Representative), Jenni Craddick, Debbie Pinchok, Jerry Pullen, Uday Sujithkumar (Student Representative), Brian Walker, Benson Scott, Derek Wright, Bill McAdams, Dian Hall, Bettina Ruffalo

Absent: Drew Burnette

Guests: Joey Ruffalo, Bill Craddick

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Walker at 6:00 PM.
2. Dian Hall moved to accept the minutes of the February meeting, Jenni Craddick seconded. Motion carried.
3. Ron announced that member Ashley Lynch had resigned due to her new job as Executive Director of the Farragut Business Alliance.
4. Dian gave an update on the Independence Day Parade on July 4th. There are 10 veterans so far who have consented to be Grand Marshals in the parade. Dian has 7 Corvettes reserved for 14 to ride in during the parade at 2 veterans per car. Ron Stated they will distribute t-shirts for us to wear, along with others for volunteers. He said the ROTC group will be just behind the Grand Marshals.
5. Ron and Blake reviewed the April monthly update. See hand-out included in the meeting packet. They did a detailed review of the 3rd Quarter FY26 and had handouts for the Council. The Highlight was that recreation programming through the average is 3rd Quarter had 10,577 participants which is higher than 2024 or 2025. Prime time use is M-F 5:30 PM-8:30 PM and Weekends 9 AM-8 PM. There was a slight drop in a field use in January and February. The YTD average is 42 prime time hours, exceeding last year by 4 hours. See hand-out for more detailed information.

We read through the Museum Update and the Tourism Update in our packet.

More upcoming events included – July 8th there will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence and Ice Cream Social.

Campbell Station Inn will be under Tourism and can be visited. They will be having multiple functions there. They will soon be announcing the new days and hours that will be open to the public.

6. The 2026 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Updates is currently being developed.

7. The Town is now asking for consulting firms conduct a Master Plan study for the 70 acre parcel on McFee Road. Thirteen firms supplied applications. The Parks Council will be part of this process which may begin in June. HOA's could be helpful as well.

8. There was no communication from the public.

9. The meeting was adjourned by Derek Wright at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Pinchok, Secretary