

Parks & Athletics Council Meeting
Farragut Community Center
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
6:00 PM

Staff present: Ron Oestreich, Blake Travis

Members present: Jenni Craddick, Bettina Ruffalo, Brian Walker, Debbie Pinchok, Derek Wright, Drew Burnette, Jerry Pullen, Dian Hall

Members absent: Benson Scott, Bill McAdams

A barbecue meal was provided for the council and we all enjoyed that before the meeting began.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:13 by chair Derek Wright.
2. Minutes of the May 12 meeting were reviewed. Derek moved to accept them and Jenni seconded.
3. Blake share details of the recent Field Allocation meeting. It lasted for 1½ hours and went well. There was little discontent with the schedule when it was completed. Two new soccer teams were added to the process, I-9, and Apex. One new baseball team was added to their allocation. There will be a Sunday night club playing soccer for about 5 years.
4. Dian talked about an upcoming Farragut Press newspaper article focusing on our veterans who will be in the Independence Day parade. Most of them agreed to be interviewed between now and July 4th. Again, the parade will be led by the police, followed by the scouts, then the Veterans in the convertibles. Dian shared the new Admiral Farragut patch that was created locally. She will be giving many of them to our local Rotary Club.
5. Monthly Parks and Rec Operations and Projects update was given by Ron and Blake. The children's Try-Athlon is Saturday June 13 from 8 AM – 10AM at McFee Park. There were 112 children registered at meeting time.

Party in the Park is July 24 at McFee Park. Red, White and Bluegrass is June 13 from 6-9 PM with music, food trucks and many activities for everyone.

June 23 at 11:AM there will be a speaker discussing "The First Six Presidents" at the Museum.

There have been some issues at the pickleball courts at MBLP. Gates are going to be added and separations between courts to help keep balls from rolling between courts. They should be ready by July 1.

Ron gave an update on where some of the new Gateway Signs brick structures with the Farragut letters will be placed, along with the location of permanent banners at Farragut Town Center.

Blake explained the situation that caused the synthetic soccer fields at MBLP to be temporarily closed. There is a layer of beads below the surface that helps cushion it. But 1 inch was applied instead of the ½ inch that is needed. That causes unsure footing for players and slipping. A powerful vacuum will be used to suction up excess beads and that will solve the problem.

Ron said there is hope that in FY2027 the town may be able to sponsor a drone event or a fireworks display. The drone show could possibly be held at FHS stadium.

6. Chase Perez, FHS student, had applied to be the Student Representative for Parks and Athletics and he was chosen.

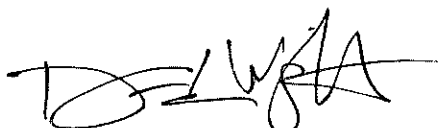
7. Volunteers are needed for both the TryAthlon and the Party in the Park this Saturday.

8. Chase Perez and Joey Ruffalo were present for the meeting but did not speak.

9. Chair Derek Wright adjourned at 6:42 PM'

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Pinchok, Secretary

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PAC CHAIR