

**TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE**  
Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Advisory Board  
January 12, 2021 – 5:30pm  
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

APPROVE AGENDA . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

REVIEW / APPROVE – November 10, 2020 Minutes . Chairman Rhylander

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEMS:

1. Election of Chairman for 2021 . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

2. Election of Vice Chairman for 2021 . . . . . Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

3. Review of New Parkland – Shelby Drive . . . . . Greg Clark

4. Review of Proposed 5 yr CIP Plan . . . . . Greg Clark

5. 2021 Youth Basketball Season . . . . . Greg Clark

DIRECTORS REPORT: Greg Clark

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

ADJOURN: Next Meeting – February 9<sup>th</sup>



COLLIERVILLE  
**PARKS**

## **Parks Advisory Board Meeting – January 12, 2021**

**Members Present:** Kal Bhavaraju, Corinne Derenburger, Joe Ennis, Maureen Fraser, Micah Miller, Jennifer Moerbe, Dave Rhylander, Jimmy Turner

**Members Absent:** Kathy Thiele

**Staff Present:** Greg Clark, Brad Heacox, Tress Shields

**Guest(s) Present:** NONE

Dave Rhylander called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Dave Rhylander introduced himself and welcomed the two new board members. At his request, each member and staff introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Joe Ennis made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Moerbe seconded the motion. The board approved the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Micah Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting. Kal Bhavaraju seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes.

### **Public Comments**

NONE

### **Items**

1. Election of 2021 Chairman – Greg Clark explained that officers are elected for a one year term which coincides with term limit for members. Each year, we have elections for the chairman and vice-chairman. Dave Rhylander opened up the floor for nominations for chairman. Micah Miller nominated Dave Rhylander to remain as chairman. Maureen Fraser seconded the motion and closed the nominations. The board voted and approved Dave Rhylander as chairman for 2021.
2. Election of 2021 Vice-Chairman – Maureen Fraser nominated Kal Bhavaraju for vice-chairman. Micah Miller seconded the motion. No additional nominations were made. The board voted and approved Kal Bhavaraju as the vice-chairman for 2021.
3. Review of New Parkland (Shelby Drive) – Greg Clark mentioned that last year we talked about parkland that was potentially coming available on the corner of

Shelby Drive and Sycamore. It is a residential development (Clara's Ridge) with parkland dedication requirement of 2.57 acres. There is a 30 acre piece of property there that the developer was looking to donate to the Town for parkland. Greg informed that the development is going through the process now. In November, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) held a work session about this piece of property.

Greg Clark briefly explained the intricate nature of the property. The property owner, Mr. Cartwright had an agreement with the Town to purchase and/or acquire the 30 acres as parkland. He was in the process of selling the property to another developer who is planning to develop Clara's Ridge. The BMA had to transfer the original agreement from Mr. Cartwright to Jason Crews who is now doing the development. Mr. Crews offered to donate 15 of the 30 acres for parkland dedication. Then, the Town could purchase the other 15 acres at the cost of \$25,000/acre for a total cost of \$375,000. In November, the BMA voted to accept the proposed agreement. Greg pointed out that the benefit of the piece of property is that it is directly across from the high school and is visible from US 385. He communicated that it is a good piece of property for parkland because it is relatively flat. The BMA voted to purchase the property. Greg stated that some of the ideas for consideration to build on the property include a new fire station, a cricket field, and pickle ball courts.

Greg Clark announced that we have a balance of \$1.3M in our Parkland Dedication account. He told the board members that they could form a subcommittee to meet with him to put together a plan for the property. The committee could meet over the next several months then bring back recommendations to this board.

Greg Clark reported that on the CIP, he has a cricket field in the FY23 budget. That money will become available in July 2022, so we will need to find a spot for that this year. Maureen Fraser suggested forming a subcommittee. She pointed out that there have been requests for cricket fields for quite some time. Kal Bhavaraju, Jennifer Moerbe, and Micah Miller volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to help determine the best location for the cricket fields. Greg told the three subcommittee members that he would get with them to set up a meeting for February.

4. Review of Proposed 5 Year CIP – Greg Clark acknowledged that he placed a copy of the proposed plan in the packets. He expounded on a few projects in the plan.

Hinton Park Disc Golf Expansion: Greg revealed that we have received a number of requests for expansion of the course. It is one of the highlights of Hinton Park. This would involve expanding to the east and putting in more holes.

Suggs Park Improvements: Greg expressed that the walking trail came in way over budget, so he put it on hold. However, there are other improvements that we can make at Suggs such as upgrading ball fields and replacing the restroom building. Greg stated if we are going to continue to use the fields, we need to spend the money to make them safe and upgrade the fencing and lighting. Another option is that we could turn them into neighborhood open play fields and take down the fencing and lights.

Town Square Improvements: Greg informed that we have not made major improvements to the Square since 1994. He would love to do some upgrades such as close North Rowlett (in front of the Depot) permanently and expand the Square over to the Depot. Also, he wants to put in really nice landscaping, additional seating, and permanent up lighting.

Turf Fields at WC Johnson Park: Greg specified that our turf fields are about 11 years old. He wants to replace the carpet and the rubber pellets on the fields.

5. 2021 Youth Basketball Season – Greg Clark reported that he needs advice regarding what to do about the season. Because of COVID-19 and only having the use of the two gyms at the Cox Community Center, we knew we would have limitations. We proceeded with registrations offering the program to 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades only. We had 451 participants sign up by the November 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff date. Due to new COVID restrictions, we were not able to start in November/December. It is now January 12<sup>th</sup>, and Town buildings are closed to the public due to the Safer at Home order; thereby, we cannot have practices.

Greg Clark declared that we need direction on how to proceed with the youth basketball program. The Safer at Home order ends January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We likely could not start games until the second week in February. That would send us into April finishing out the season which bumps into our spring sports season. Also, it means that we could not offer volleyball. Because basketball is an indoor contact sport, we have concerns about our ability to provide a safe program amidst the rising cases in Shelby County.

Greg Clark recommended that we cancel the basketball program this season and give participants full refunds. He acknowledged that we could provide some basketball clinics on the weekends. If we do that, we can start our spring sports on time. The board briefly discussed the matter. Jimmy Turner made a motion to accept Greg Clark's recommendation to cancel the basketball season. Corrine Derenburger seconded the motion. The board approved.

Greg Clark communicated that we are going forward with registration for our spring sports (baseball, softball, tee ball, and volleyball). Unlike basketball, these sports are considered noncontact; and with the exception of volleyball, they are outdoors. We will have a disclaimer with the registration that due to COVID-19, the program can get amended, postponed, and/or canceled.

Greg Clark announced that we are going to proceed with the Independence Day Celebration July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will attempt to make it bigger and better than ever. We have already increased the fireworks by \$10,000. We are planning to have an outdoor movie night at Hinton Park in April. Greg will provide additional information on that as it becomes available. He revealed that all went well with the grant process. Our TDEC representative was very impressed with our application. It is going through the scoring part, and then it goes to the governor's office. Greg said that he anticipates we will get the grant funded for the entire \$1,000,000.

Greg Clark informed that the Animal Shelter is closed. They are doing adoptions by appointment at The Avenue at Carriage Crossing. Christmas decorations start coming down tomorrow. We are leaving up some of the lights on the Square and some buildings to see what kind of feedback we get.

There was no other business. Micah Miller made a motion to adjourn. Joe Ennis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.