

**TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE**  
Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Advisory Board  
June 8, 2021 – 5:30pm  
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

APPROVE AGENDA . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

REVIEW / APPROVE – May 11, 2021 Minutes . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEMS:

1. Community Foundation of Greater Memphis . . . . . Corrinne Derenberger

2. Pickleball – Non-Resident Fees . . . . .Greg Clark

DIRECTORS REPORT . . . . . Greg Clark

OTHER BUSINESS . . . . .Chairman Rhylander

SITE VISIT: Mama Mia Set at Harrell Theatre . . . . . Kathy Thiele

ADJOURN: Next Meeting – July 13<sup>th</sup>



COLLIERVILLE  
**PARKS**

## **Parks Advisory Board Meeting – June 8, 2021**

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

**Members Absent:** Jimmy Turner

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

**Guest(s) Present:** NONE

Dave Rhylander called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Corrine Derenburger made a motion to approve the agenda. Kal Bhavaraju seconded the motion. The board approved the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Micah Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. Joe Ennis seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes.

### **Public Comments**

NONE

Greg Clark gave an update regarding Laura Gillaspie's concerns about mowing at Tara Oaks Park. Greg followed up with Derek Honeycutt (Director of General Services/Purchasing) about the mowing issues. Derek Honeycutt requested and received the citizen's contact information and reached out to her. Maureen Fraser informed that the outcome was favorable.

### **Items**

1. Community Foundation of Greater Memphis (CFGM) – Corrine Derenburger reported that she looked into developing a Community Foundation fund to which people could give donations for park projects. The Community Foundation of Greater Memphis is that type of foundation. Donors can write checks to the Foundation, and then write in the memo section that they want the donations to go to the Collierville Parks & Recreation Department. We would appoint an advisory board over the foundation which would then determine the projects to finance.

Corrine presented an example agreement in the packet. CFGM charges a 1% administration fee to govern it, but they do not decide what to do with the donations. She pointed out that Bartlett is a part of CFGM.

Greg Clark gave a brief history of the PAB trying to start a nonprofit organization (Friends of the Collierville Parks System) to help fund projects for the Parks Department. He acknowledged that it is difficult to create and maintain a nonprofit because we have a revolving advisory board; members come and go. Some years ago, the PAB members asked Corrine to look into starting a nonprofit foundation because of her experience with starting a nonprofit with Ryan's Hope. She began work on that, and then it fizzled. She started work again a few months ago. That is when she found the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis.

Corrine Derenburger explained that it would not cost us anything for the upstart. We would set up an agreement with CFGM, and people could start giving. She wants to take a look at Bartlett's agreement and possibly piggy back off of it. Corrine declared that the money donated into the fund is over and above money in the Parks' budget. CFGM is a nonprofit organization; we would receive funds under their nonprofit umbrella. That way, the donor could get the tax break. Corrine stated that she would help get the paperwork in order.

Greg Clark told the board members that they did not have to make a decision tonight about the foundation. He simply wanted to share the preliminary information. He and Corrine will continue to look more into it and report back and give updates.

2. Pickleball – Nonresident Fee – Greg Clark reported that the resolution to approve the fee schedule for the budget is held at the last meeting in June. In our pickleball program, the percentage of players not from Collierville is about 40%. Right now, we only have the indoor courts at the LKC, and the courts are only available on certain days due to having other programs in the gym. With having such a high number of nonresident players, it limits the time that our residents can play. Greg pointed out that we have nonresident fees for all our sports and tennis programs. He is recommending a nonresident fee for pickleball. Currently, it costs every one \$2 per day to play, and he wants to raise that fee to \$5 for nonresidents.

Micah Miller made a motion to charge a nonresident fee of \$5/day to play pickleball. Kathy Thiele seconded the motion. The board approved.

## Director's Report

Greg Clark reported that he received a call today from our TDEC representative that we received the grant for Hinton Park. The official notice has not come yet. He said that he will work on getting a design proposal to the BMA. The grant is for additional parking, the performance lawn stage, and the destination playground. Greg informed that in a separate project, we just completed the design for additional parking at the athletic fields at Hinton Park, and it is going out to bid. Over the next two years, Hinton Park will have quite a bit of construction happening on the grounds.

Greg Clark announced that the budget is almost set. The BMA moved up the Cricket Fields to next year's budget. Thereby, we need to find a location and start the design. The pickleball courts were also moved up to next year, so we have to find a place and start the design on those as well. This board will help make the decision as to where the fields and courts are placed. The BMA also moved up to next year the synthetic turf fields here at Cox Park.

Greg Clark mentioned that the Town's new website ([collierville.tn.gov](http://collierville.tn.gov)) launches tomorrow. The Independence Day Celebration is July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cox Park. Entertainment starts at 7 p.m., and we will have the fireworks show between 9:30 and 9:45. We will recognize veterans; have food vendors and music.

Greg Clark pointed out that the Balloon Festival is next weekend. Dave Rhylander gave a brief update on the event. They have almost sold 5000 tickets for Saturday and have sold around 1500 for Sunday. The sales are going up by the hundreds each day. Things are going well, and they are hoping for good weather. They are hosting a private party Friday for special needs kids and their families. They will get to have a tethered ride; and Chick-fil-a is donating little cows with parachutes that they can toss out during the ride. The Rotary Club is donating teddy bears to the kids. He concluded that the festival will have food vendors and arts and crafts booths. Saturday morning, all 20 to 25 balloons will take off at one time (balloon ascension) about a half hour after sunrise. The balloons are from throughout the country.

Greg Clark asked the board members where they would like to meet each month. The options are the LKC or Parks conference room. The board members agree that they would like to continue meeting in the Parks conference room.

Kathy Thiele gave an update on the *Mamma Mia* production. They are about two weeks in at rehearsals. There are interns helping with the production. The sets were purchased from Theatre Memphis. There is a show for friends and family July 8<sup>th</sup>. The public performances begin July 9<sup>th</sup> and run two weekends.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 after which the board members moved to the Harrell Theatre auditorium to tour the set and meet some of the cast and crew.