TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Advisory Board February 8, 2022 – 5:30pm Agenda

CALL TO ORDER
APPROVE AGENDA
REVIEW / APPROVE – January 11, 2022 Minutes Chairman Derenburger
PUBLIC COMMENTS
ITEMS:
1. 2022 Department Presentation / Parkland Greg Clark
2. 5 year Capital Improvement Plan
DIRECTORS REPORT
OTHER BUSINESS
ADJOURN: Next Meeting – March 8, 2022



Parks Advisory Board Meeting - February 8, 2022

Members Present: Chris Armour, Corrine Derenburger, Joe Ennis, Maureen Fraser,

Micah Miller, Jimmy Turner

Members Absent: Jack Grissom, Jennifer Moerbe, Kathy Thiele

Staff Present: Greg Clark, Tress Shields

Guest(s) Present: NONE

Corrine Derenburger called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Jimmy Turner made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Armour seconded the motion. The board approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Ennis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting. Jimmy Turner seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes.

Public Comments

NONE

Items

- 1. 2022 Department Presentation/Parkland: Greg Clark offered to defer his presentation until next month because he wants everyone to hear it. It details why we are here and what we do. The board members agreed.
- 2. 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan (FY 2023 FY 2027): Greg Clark stated that he put together a proposal of projects that he wants to present to the Town Administration and Board of Mayor and Alderman (BMA). He added that we can amend anything in this proposal tonight. The only funding that is available is for FY23 projects. Three years from now, our priorities might change so the proposed projects for FY24 - FY27 are subject to change.

Greg Clark started with the Greenbelt Overlay project. Those are existing Greenbelt Trails in place throughout the Town that require repaving. We try to overlay some trails every two years or so. We have \$250,000 in the budget for that. Greg moved on to the Cricket field. We have \$300,000 in the CIP to construct a field. The issue with that project is that we must find an existing park in which to build the field. There is no funding for new road access, parking spaces, restrooms, lights, power to the site, etc. If we do not find an acceptable location for the Cricket field, the funds will go back into the Tax Improvement Fund for another day. Next, we have \$600,000 for WC Johnson turf replacement. That involves replacing the rubber carpet fibers. The life expectancy of turf fields is anywhere from 10 to 13 years. Our fields are approaching 12 years, and they are still in good shape.

Greg Clark announced that on the agenda Monday night, he has a design contract for the renovation of our existing five soccer fields at H.W. Cox Park to synthetic turf fields. Currently, the fields are constantly closed because of wet conditions. Renovating them to synthetic turf to make them available 365 days a year is a huge advantage for us and our soccer program. It is expensive on the front end. After about ten years, it will pay for itself. Greg indicated that we want to renovate field one which is our largest and most used field then fields four and five which have the most rainouts. After talking with the design team, engineering, and maintenance, we decided to do the design for all five fields. In next year's CIP request, we have funding to do fields one, four, and five. Greg expressed that he would like to get all of the fields done at one time.

Greg Clark reported that he has \$200,000 for Harrell Theatre upgrades. Then, he pointed out that we have not really done any upgrades to the Community Center (DAC Area) since it opened in 2004. We have \$200,000 for upgrades. Greg communicated that we really need new upgrades for the entire area.

Greg Clark explained that W.T. Price is a non-developed piece of property off of Shea Road Extended near the fire station at Houston Levee. We have received quite a bit of Parkland dedication money from the developer, so we have funding to put a park there. There are a lot of apartments and people in that area. The next item is the Wolf River Regional Greenbelt Trail Phase 1. The funding for that will come from a grant from the State of Tennessee; it is a million-dollar project. It will not get us close to Houston Levee, but it will start the process.

Greg Clark asked if anyone had questions or comments about projects. Corrine Derenburger inquired about updating the Greenbelt Master Plan. Greg answered that he had it in his presentation, but James Lewellen suggested that it is something that we should look at every year. Greg said that he would take a look at it to see if it is something that this group could do in house.

Maureen Fraser mentioned that she would love to see us do something about the restroom building at WC Johnson Park before 2027. Greg Clark replied that he would check on that. Joe Ennis brought up that he thought it was a great idea when Corinne Derenburger worked on developing or finding a fund to which citizens of Collierville could donate in order to fund parks projects. He wanted to know if that was still on the table. Greg Clark answered that we put it on hold for various reason, but we can get Corinne back on that project.

Greg Clark interjected that he just received an email from Jack Grissom stating that due to schedule conflicts, he is unable to serve on the board. That leaves a vacancy that we need to fill. Greg expressed that he would like to bring the applications to this group to select a candidate to recommend to the BMA.

Director's Report

Greg Clark announced that the fireworks bid is on the agenda for Monday night. If we do the exact show that we did last year, it will cost \$75,000 this year compared to last year's show which was \$40,000. He added that we will do a budget amendment so that we can fund the full \$75,000.

There was no other business. Joe Ennis made a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.