

TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE
Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Advisory Board
June 14, 2022 – 5:30pm
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Derenburger
APPROVE AGENDA Chairman Derenburger
REVIEW / APPROVE – May 10, 2022 Minutes Chairman Derenburger

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEMS:

- 1. Spray Parks – Sunday Hours Greg Clark
- 2. 2022 Independence Day CelebrationGreg Clark

DIRECTORS REPORTGreg Clark

OTHER BUSINESS Chairman Derenburger

ADJOURN: Next Meeting – July 12, 2022



Parks Advisory Board Meeting – June 14, 2022

Members Present: Chris Armour, Corrine Derenburger, Maureen Fraser, Micah Miller, Jennifer Moerbe, Kathy Thiele, Jimmy Turner

Members Absent: Joe Ennis

Staff Present: Greg Clark, Tress Shields

Guest(s) Present: NONE

Corrine Derenburger called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Micah Miller made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Armour seconded the motion. The board approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Armour made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting. Kathy Thiele seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes.

Public Comments

NONE

Items

1. **Spray Park Hours:** Greg Clark explained that we have had some requests for us to expand the Sunday hours at the spray park. Current hours for both spray parks are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Historically, the Sunday hours were put in place to allow for Sunday morning church attendance. The request he received was to expand the Sunday hours into the morning. Greg stated that the challenge is that at W.C. Johnson Park we would have to provide paid attendants. However, we do not have attendants at Suggs. He suggested that we could do one and not the other. Greg mentioned that he does not want to ask the attendants to give up their church time. He left the decision up to the board members. He added that the spray parks work on a timer; an employee would program the time change via computer. From that standpoint, it is not a major issue to change the time. The board members discussed the matter. Jimmy Turner made a motion to change the hours at Suggs Park only from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Micah Miller seconded the motion. The board approved.

2. 2022 Independence Day Celebration: Greg Clark reported that this year the Independence Day Celebration is Saturday, July 2nd at 7 p.m. The fireworks will begin between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m. We are shooting a \$70,000 show this year; it is the same show as last year except the cost was \$40,000 for the fireworks. We will have two bands, *Your Academy* and *Party Planet*. The park will close for traffic at 2 p.m. Greg Clark informed that he could get parking passes for board members who want to come to the event and park in the Cox parking lot. He mentioned that Senator Blackburn is doing a video in appreciation of our veterans. We have two or three videos that we will show. Greg stated that we had close to 20,000 people attend the celebration last year. He communicated that this is a big three-hour event for the department/Town. Also, he announced that we will not have shuttle buses again this year. We did not have them last year because of COVID, and we did not have complaints about not having them. He added that the police department did not want us to have them because of the traffic congestion it creates on Powell Road after the show.

Director's Report

Greg Clark reported that Main Street had the first concert on the square last week. It was really crowded, and the weather was great. The next concert is June 23rd. The Town is doing a recognition for Town Administrator, James Lewellen at that concert. We will have a special spot for him. Prior to the concert, we will have a reception for him at the Depot.

Greg Clark announced that July is National Parks and Recreation Month. We will put out a series of things that anyone can do in the parks. This Friday night, *The Addams Family* opens at the Harrell Theatre. It plays for two weekends. June 23rd is pay what you can night. The evening shows begin at 7:30, and the Sunday shows are at 2:30. Greg acknowledged that we applied and received notice that we got a Shelby County Commissioners Beauty Enhancement Grant for improvements at the Town Square Depot. We originally received \$15,000, then we received another notification that it was increased by \$6,250. The plan is to upgrade The Depot to make it more of a Visitors Center.

Greg Clark reported that we are between season for youth athletics. We have adult volleyball going on now. Registration for our fall sports will begin in July. We recently had the Linda Kerley Center and the Cox Gymnasium floors resurfaced. The Hinton Parking Lot should come to completion this week. The Disc Golf Expansion Project opens for bids next Wednesday, June 22nd. Greg pointed out that we acquired parkland on Center Street. There are two little backstops adjacent to Suggs Park. We have always maintained that property, but it was owned by the Wingo Family. The Town ended up purchasing that property a few weeks ago. Regarding Pickleball, Greg mentioned that he has received a design proposal for the location at Suggs. He has to take that to the Board of Mayor and

Alderman (BMA) for approval. The soccer turf fields for H.W. Cox are under design. We hope to have preliminary drawings in about the middle of July. Greg stated that in July, we will have the Collierville Soccer Association service provider on the agenda. They will submit a request to continue as our service provider of soccer for the next five years. Collierville Soccer Association has provided soccer services for the Town since 1992. Micah Miller made a motion to adjourn. Kathy Thiele seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.