

TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE
Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Advisory Board
October 11, 2022 – 5:30pm
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Derenburger

APPROVE AGENDA Chairman Derenburger

REVIEW / APPROVE – September 13, 2022 Minutes . . . Chairman Derenburger

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEMS:

1. Five (5) year CIP Program – 2023-2028Greg Clark

DIRECTORS REPORTGreg Clark

OTHER BUSINESS Chairman Derenburger

ADJOURN: Next Meeting – November 8, 2022



COLLIERVILLE
PARKS

Parks Advisory Board Meeting – October 11, 2022

Members Present: Chris Armour, Corrine Derenburger, Joe Ennis, Maureen Fraser, Micah Miller, Kathy Thiele

Members Absent: Jennifer Moerbe, Jimmy Turner

Staff Present: Greg Clark, Tress Shields

Guest(s) Present: NONE

Corrine Derenburger called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Kathy Thiele made a motion to approve the agenda. Joe Ennis seconded the motion. The board approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Micah Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting. Chris Armour seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes.

Public Comments

NONE

Items

1. Five Year CIP (2023-2028): Greg Clark reported that tonight we will discuss projects. He pointed out that in today's times, we simply cannot build projects like we have in the past. Whereas we have had fifteen projects on our five-year plan, we are likely looking at five or six. Greg informed that there is no money involved in these projects; he wants to know the priorities of the members of this board. He announced that he is going to do an overview of the projects, then we will have an exercise at the end.
 - a. Wolf River Greenbelt Trail (East): Greg Clark stated that this is a connection that we have discussed for many years. On his presentation, he displayed the existing boardwalk at W.C. Johnson Park where the trail would begin. Then, it would go along the Wolf River. Currently, it is a dirt trail, but it will become an asphalt trail. It would cross over a couple of tributaries. Then, it would connect with Wellington Farms subdivision. Kathy Thiele asked if

we would allow bikes on this trail. Greg replied that we would allow bikes because it would be a 10 ft. to 12 ft. asphalt trail.

- b. Wolf River Greenbelt Trail (West): Greg Clark explained that this section involves the plan which was drawn up by Barge Waggoner. The proposal had two pedestrian bridges over the Wolf River. Greg suggested that one of our priorities could include completing one section of trails coming back to the east and getting it over to Houston Levee Road. By doing that, we could get all the residents in the area access to Shelby Farms. It would connect Germantown to Houston Levee Road.
- c. Wolf River Boulevard Trail: Greg Clark stated that this is a project that we did a couple of years ago. We built a trailhead at Robbins Halle Nature Preserve. We built a little section with an outdoor overlook. We did not have funds to do two sections. The advantage of doing this project is that it could get us from Houston Levee back to W.C. Johnson Park without having to get on the road.
- d. Cricket Field: Greg Clark commented that we have a huge Cricket population in Collierville. We have funding in this year's budget for a field, but the money we have in the budget is not enough. If we decide that a Cricket field is a priority, we will have to regroup and add funds to our current funds. Alderman Maureen Fraser revealed that the mayor and board members have a high interest in getting a Cricket field sooner than later because it has been a long time need.
- e. Hinton Park Disc Golf Course Expansion: Greg Clark mentioned that this is a project that costs \$350,000. It is a project that we want to do, but we do not have the funds to do it. There are currently nine holes, and we would add nine more.
- f. W.T. Price Park: Greg Clark informed that this park is on the south end of Shea Road Extended by 385 and Houston Levee. It is a small neighborhood park with a playground, pavilion, and an existing lake. It is on our current five-year plan because we received a lot of Parkland dedication money from the various apartment complexes in the area, so we should give them a park.
- g. Nonconnah Greenbelt Trail: Greg Clark reported that we have had the section from Schilling Farms Middle School to Houston Levee for seventeen years. It was built in 2005. Our end goal is to get trail connections to the square. Right now, the trail stops behind the school.

- h. Shelby Drive Park: Greg Clark pointed out that this is the property across from Collierville High School for which we had a conceptual plan drawn up with Pickleball and tennis courts. He voiced that the members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) want to keep this park as green space or as a passive park. They do not want sports complexes on this property, so we will have to come back with another conceptual design with walking trails, pavilions, and a lake. Greg expressed that there is a huge need for a large pavilion that could handle family reunions or corporate outings, etc. Alderman Fraser explained that much of that decision has to do with the view. They seem to want a clear view of the high school from 385.
- i. W.C. Johnson Concession/Restroom Building: Greg Clark mentioned that it is a disaster. It is about 28 years old and needs to be torn down to build a new one in its place. These are the main restrooms open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- j. Suggs Restroom Building: Greg Clark stated this one is also in pretty bad shape. The building is probably forty years old. It was built in the 1980's. It was renovated in the early 2000's. There are maybe two stalls on each side. It has a concessions storage area that we do not need because we do not do concessions there. This one does not have to go back in the same area, but it definitely needs replacing.
- k. Progress Road Soccer Fields: Greg Clark noted that we are turning them into turf fields. These fields are next in line for turf.
- l. W.C. Johnson Baseball Infield – Turf: Greg Clark explained that our biggest maintenance issues with baseball/softball are the infields. We get so many rainouts. Almost everyone has turf infields now. We once were the leaders; we are so behind because we have grass infields. Greg acknowledged that having turf infields would give us huge maintenance relief because 90% of baseball field maintenance is on the infields. There are nine fields at W.C. Johnson which is around \$1.2M for all nine fields.
- m. Pickleball Complex: Greg Clark said we are looking at 16 to 18 courts. We need to find a location for them and build them.
- n. Tennis Complex: Greg Clark commented that we would build twelve courts.

- o. Tom Brooks Park Phase III: Greg Clark expressed that this phase would include a splash fountain, raised patio, and bathroom facility.
- p. Other Projects: Greg Clark named other projects about which we have previously discussed such as a new Park Masterplan and a new Greenbelt Masterplan. Our current Park Masterplan is eight years old and current Greenbelt Masterplan is 21 years old. He then mentioned the Halle Park Amphitheatre, Frank Road Property (132-acre old land field site across from West Collierville Middle School), H.W. Cox Baseball Infields to Turf, a second off-leash area (somewhere on the north side), a Miniature Golf Course, and H.W. Cox Community Center Expansion.

Greg Clark handed out a project to the board members. On the sheet of paper is a list of the projects he discussed along with a sheet of ten round stickers. He told the members that he wants them to put their ten stickers on the projects that they want to see done. He informed that they can put up to three stickers on one project. He does not want their names on the paper; he only wants them to use the ten stickers to show the projects that are a priority to them. When they are finished, they are to drop the sheet in the box as they leave.

Director's Report

Greg Clark reported that the boards and commissions application will become available this month. All who want to return to the board will have to reapply because the term ends December 31, 2022. He remarked that he will make sure that everyone receives an application.

Greg Clark announced some of the upcoming special events. We have the Veterans Day Celebration on the Town Square in November. The Tree Lighting event is the Tuesday before Thanksgiving also on the square. The Christmas Parade is Friday, December 2nd. Elf opens at the Harrell Theatre Saturday, December 3rd. We have Christmas in Collierville on select Saturdays from Thanksgiving to Christmas. We are moving the carriage rides on the square to the evenings. They will run from Tuesday – Sunday, and there is a fee. Greg communicated that it is more magical at night with the Christmas lights than during the day. The vendor is excited, and we will see how it goes. Also, the final concert is next Thursday night on the square.

Alderman Fraser announced that we hired a new Town Administrator, Molly Mehner. She starts November 14th. She comes from Cape Girardeau, MO. She has a background in planning, Main Street, and a variety of other areas. Then, Alderman Fraser reminded everyone that early voting starts next week.

Greg Clark stated that the November meeting is typically our last meeting because everyone is going in all different directions in December. We will have a Christmas luncheon in December. When we have the finalized details, Greg will let everyone know.

There was no other business. Kathy Thiéle made a motion to adjourn. Micah Miller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.