

Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14th, 2019, 12pm, AAC

In attendance: Charlie Messer, Jeff Donaldson, Scott Rhodes, Corum Smith, Jennifer Hensley, Katie Breckheimer, and Terry Maybin.

Staff in attendance: Carleen Dixon, Casey Conner, Jason Kilgore, Autumn Radcliff, and Erin Hendrix

Minutes taken by Erin Hendrix

Public Input

None

Terry notes that the minutes from April 2019 incorrectly name her community association and asks that the name be changed to the correct title of Green River Community Association. After this change, Jenn makes a motion to approve the minutes from April, Terry seconds, all approve.

ADA Assessment - Comp Plan Step 1

Carleen gives an overview of the results from the ADA assessment done by DisAbility Partners for all parks and recreation facilities. The assessment includes applicable pictures to correspond with issues found by reviewers. This is the first step in the assessment phase of a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan.

Proposed Parks and Recreation Budget - Carleen Dixon

Carleen shares with the board the proposed budget that was recommended to the County Commissioners by the County Manager. Charlie explains the reasoning behind certain budget items and reminds the board that the budget does not reflect potential matching dollars to be contributed if approved for a PARTF grant. Katie asks about greenways and who is responsible for next steps if the volunteer committee has disbanded. Carleen and Autumn both assure her that the county as a whole is responsible for greenways and that, even if multiple departments are involved, it is treated as a team project and common goal.

Bike Park Update on Work - Carleen Dixon

Carleen updates the board on the work that was started at Jackson Park Bike Park in partnership with Sycamore Cycles. New dirt/clay materials were brought in and they have started to reconstruct the jumps in the park. In partnership with Pisgah Area Sorba we will be hosting a large volunteer day planned for June 8 where we will encourage people from the community to come out and help rebuild the park.

Grant Updates

The Fourth of July fireworks grant has been approved by the TDA for \$5000. The TDA has also approved a 50% grant for the expansion of the current restroom facilities at Etowah Park and the purchase of Two portable toilet trailers. Henderson County applied for and is awaiting word on a PARTF grant that would be used to fix the

flooded section of the greenway that begins at Jackson Park. We will hear back on that grant in August.

Park Overview

Tuxedo Park, which was highlighted last month, has undergone some renovations to fix the existing issues that were discussed previously. The board was then shown photos of Edneyville Community Center and some issues in that park. Many of the issues are due to flooding and water runoff to include a large section of a stream bank being washed away, parking lot, and roadway issues. Other damages are due to high use and vandalism.