MINUTES

Recreation Advisory Board/Tree Board/Little League Board
Department of Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Advisory Board/Tree City USA Board/Little League Board met in a scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 12th, 2025, at 12:00 pm.

Upon a call the following members were present:
Linda Long, Johnny Coffman, Ron Starr, and Larry Rhodes

Upon a roll call the following members were absent: Mary Scudder, Moises Contreras, Bob Miller

The following guests and staff members were present:
Matt Siniard, Derek Phillips, Reya Joseph, Shellie Stephens, Anthony Raper, and John Duggan

The following decisions were made and ordered as part of the records of the Recreation Advisory Board/Tree City USA Board/ Little League Board.

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12:06pm- Minutes for meetings held on April 17th, 2025, were handed out and reviewed with no changes suggested.
Motion made by Larry Rhodes, seconded by Johnny Coffman to approve the minutes.
Motion Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Artificial Turf at Regional Park- 12:08pm
Matt provided an update on the turf field project, emphasizing the importance of finalizing bid specifications and supporting documentation to ensure the process moves forward quickly. The City Council is scheduled to review the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget at its meeting on June 17, during which the turf field proposal will be discussed and is expected to be considered for approval. The project involves converting all five infields to synthetic turf. Specifications will include base plugs set at 90 feet, aligning with middle and high school standards. With these enhancements, the fields will be suitable for hosting tournaments for older age groups. Additionally, all fields would be reconfigured to accommodate 90-foot base paths and 300-foot outfield fences to meet regulation dimensions. Each infield is approximately 15,000 to 16,000 square feet in size. At this stage, the final plan for relocating excavated soil has not been determined, and the details of the excavation and drainage processes remain under evaluation. Three procurement options were identified for the project: a traditional request for bid, a request for proposals from qualified vendors, or utilizing an existing government contract. The estimated total cost of the project is between $1 million and $1.5 million. Next steps include finalizing bid documentation, preparing for the June 17 City Council meeting, and determining the most effective procurement strategy based on the project’s scope and timeline.

Heritage Park LPRF- 12:21pm

Matt reported that the construction documents for the Heritage Park project have been completed. The project is expected to move forward with a bid release targeted for July, pending final review. The current timeline anticipates presenting the project to the City Council for approval at the August meeting. The scope of the project includes the development of Little League and youth baseball fields, a playground, and a 0.5-mile walking trail designed as a continuous loop, similar to the layout at Veterans Memorial Park. The existing parking lot will be repaved and reconfigured to provide appropriately marked spaces. All site improvements, including sidewalks, the pavilion, playground, and field access—will be fully ADA compliant, featuring accessible ramps and pathways throughout the facility.

Little League Incident- 12:28 pm

Matt provided a detailed account of the incident that occurred on May 15th at Regional Park. Derek shared his perspective as someone who was present during the event, and Reya spoke about the woman's behavior in previous games, noting that she has frequently yelled at coaches and others. Matt also met with both families involved and reviewed footage from the park's security cameras. The floor was then opened for discussion regarding appropriate action for this incident. A proposed disciplinary action included a **half-season suspension**, during which the mother would not be allowed to attend games, followed by **probation for the remainder of the season**. Additionally, it was agreed that a **formal letter would be mailed** to the individual who instigated the incident by using inappropriate language toward a child. John Duggan suggested implementing a **code of conduct** along with a **fine system** for future incidents of this nature. Linda Long chose to abstain from voting. A motion to send the letter was made by Larry Rhodes, seconded by Johnny Coffman, and the motion was passed.

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REPORTS

No reports.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.