

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Recreation Advisory Board

August 29, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Present: David Reece, Brad Headrick, Scott Cupp, Daniel Franklin, Karen Lewis
Absent: None.

Others Present: Hailey Russell, Roger Bird, Mayor Jill Pugh, Glenda Skurda and 7 citizens

Daniel Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Brief Discussion of Appointees' Background/Personal Information:

David Reece has been a citizen of Louisville since 1990 he has a background as an engineer of 50 years and has worked with several municipalities on their parks and recreation committees.

Karen Lewis is a 40 year resident and is a school teacher at Middlesettlements Elementary School.

Scott Cupp has been a citizen of Louisville since 1993 and a teacher at William Blount High School since 1999. Scott is currently the assistant principal and athletic director.

Brad Headrick has been a citizen of Louisville since 2014 and has two small children. Brad is also the director at Copper Cellar Corporation.

Daniel Franklin has been a citizen of Louisville for several years. He is a retired CPA and currently serves as Vice-Mayor for the Town of Louisville.

Appointment of Chair and Secretary:

Daniel Franklin nominated David Reece to be the Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Board. All members of the board were in agreement.

Daniel Franklin volunteered to be the secretary for the next year until the board gets up and running.

Review of Resolution Creating Board and Duties/Responsibilities:

Daniel Franklin read the resolution outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Recreation Advisory Board.

Discussion of Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date & Time:

The members on the board came to a mutual agreement that the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 pm would be the best day and time for all of them.

Discussion of Suggestions for Recreation in our Town:

A) Tennessee Riverline (tnriverline.org)

Mayor Jill Pugh presented to the board that we are eligible to become a TN River Town. Becoming a River Town would help with walking trails, pavilions, campground, and help get a master plan. To be a part of a River Town we would be required to hold one river event per year. There would be a yearly subscription of \$750.00. The application deadline is the first of September.

B) Pavilion & Bathrooms Near New Playground

Currently we have a semi-permanent bathroom installed at our maintenance building for playground users to use. The goal is to have a pavilion and bathrooms installed. We need to look for grants and/or get donations from citizens to help with this project.

C) Other Playgrounds Including Louisville Point Park & Beal Park

Daniel Franklin brought up the question of whether the board wanted to put a small playground at Beal Park and advised the board that Louisville Point Park is operated by Blount County Parks & Recreation. They currently have a small and old playground the board needs to reach out to Blount County to see about an upgrade to the playground.

D) Biking/Walking Trail Using Portions of Old Railroad Bed

David Reece stated that we can get access to land to have a biking/walking trail from Town Hall to the Marina as Phase 1. Daniel Franklin stated that there is plenty of money from grants that are private and public available.

E) Greenways & Trails Workshop Hosted by TDEC'S Recreation Resources Division in July - Report From Staff Who Attended

Roger Bird (Town Engineer) gave a list of speakers who attended the conference. He gave each member of the board a list of everyone who could be helpful during this process.

F) PickleBall Courts and Splash Pad

Pickleball courts would be a good addition to the community. It would be wise to make tennis courts but also have the lines for Pickleball so the citizens can have access to either sport. Splash pads were mentioned but there is a high liability to having a splash pad.

G) Georges Creek and Weatherspoon Road Boat Ramps

Daniel Franklin gave a brief update on both locations. We are currently in the process of talking with our local and state contacts to try and get George's Creek in our jurisdiction. Weatherspoon Road Boat Ramp is currently owned by TWRA it is a day use only ramp

however the gate is not closed at night which allows access to the ramp at night. The question was made to the board would we want to try and get jurisdiction of it as well.

H) Poland Creek Campground Discussion

At the next meeting we will discuss what changes to the current rules we want to make.

Citizens Comments:

Bill Mattison stated he would like to see heart smart trails on the walking path. He would also like to have an area for disc golf. He also stated that when the new apartments are done people will want permanent bathrooms at Beal Park.

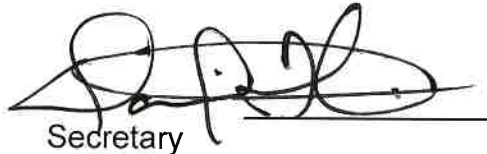
Josh Whitehead would like to have an email for the Recreation group to have access to discuss with the board if unable to attend meetings or just for general questions. He also believes that short term rentals at Poland Creek would be a good idea and allow more people to have access to the campground.

Adjournment:

MOTION by David Reece to adjourn the meeting; Second by Scott Cupp. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary