

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

March 24, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Present: David Reece, Chairman, Karen Lewis, Secretary, Brad Headrick, Stan Painter

Absent: None.

Others Present: Jill Pugh - Mayor, Steven Kelley - Alderman, Hailey Russell - Administrative Assistant, & 6 citizens.

David Reece called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Painter to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting. Second by Reece.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.

Reports: Mayor & Administrative Personnel

Mayor Pugh reported that a new basketball goal has been installed at the park, replacing the previous one, which was in poor condition and posed a safety concern. She noted that funds had been allocated in the budget for this improvement. Mayor Pugh also stated that staff completed additional work on the court, including marking the playing area, and that the improvement has been well received by the community, with residents already utilizing the facility.

Hailey Russell provided an update regarding tree cutting for the disc golf course, stating that a quote of approximately \$2,000 was selected after reviewing multiple estimates, which ranged significantly higher. She noted that the selected contractor had walked the site and was considered reliable. Ms. Russell also reported on progress related to campground grant projects. She stated that representatives recently reviewed survey results and conducted a site visit to identify any discrepancies, including a drainage line near the playground that had not been previously identified. She added that discussions included potential locations for a fishing pier and the general layout for campground improvements, such as placement of gravel and site configurations. Regarding the project timeline, Ms. Russell advised that construction for campground improvements is anticipated to begin in January 2027. She noted that the fishing pier component may take longer due to permitting requirements through TVA, including a 26A permit and shoreline review. She explained that this portion of the project will likely be completed last, while other improvements within the campground may proceed in the meantime.

Public Comments on Agenda Items (5 Minute Limit)

None.

Old Business:

a. Discussion of Additional Equipment for the Ball Field

Hailey Russell presented information regarding a proposed purchase of a batting cage for the baseball field, as recommended by the Town's consultant. She explained that the quoted option includes a complete system with poles and adjustable netting designed to be raised when not in use to prevent damage from weather. She noted that other options would require separate purchases of materials and installation components. Discussion followed regarding the proposed location of the netting, which would be along the first base line area of the field. It was noted that the improvement would be used by multiple teams and not limited to a single organization. Board members discussed whether the organization currently using the field should contribute toward the cost, particularly given their regular and exclusive use of the field on certain days. It was also noted that the organization has previously contributed improvements to the field at their own expense, including adding sand and equipment. Further discussion included whether Town staff or the organization would handle installation, as well as the project timeline and budget considerations. The Board expressed interest in requesting a financial contribution from the organization.

MOTION by Reece to recommend to the BMA approval of the purchase with contribution from TN Arsenal. Second by Lewis. VOTTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

b. Discussion of the i9 Youth Sports Proposal

A representative from i9 Sports addressed the Board and provided an overview of the organization and its youth sports programming. He explained that i9 Sports is a locally owned franchise of a national organization focused on providing recreational sports opportunities for children ages 3 to 17. The representative emphasized that the program prioritizes fun, convenience, affordability, and character development. He stated that participants receive uniforms and recognition awards, and that the program incorporates weekly lessons focused on sportsmanship and life skills. He also noted that i9 Sports operates on a one-day-per-week model, where practices and games are held on the same day, typically over a seven-week season. He explained that i9 Sports provides all necessary equipment, staffing, background checks, and program structure, and that the organization would only require the use of Town facilities. The program would offer sports such as soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball, and T-ball. Discussion included marketing efforts, which would primarily be handled by i9 Sports through signage, community outreach, and partnerships with local schools. The representative noted that the organization would manage registration, scheduling, and operations, and that participation fees are structured as a flat rate per season. Board members discussed the potential benefits of providing additional recreational opportunities for local children, particularly those not participating in competitive or travel sports. It was noted that the program could help serve an underserved population within the community. The representative indicated flexibility in program size and scheduling and suggested that the Town could consider a trial period to evaluate participation and community interest. He noted that successful program

implementation typically requires a period of marketing and community awareness to build participation.

MOTION by Painter to recommend to the BMA to agree to the proposal presented by i9 Youth Sports. Second by Lewis. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Public Input on Non Agenda Items (5 Minute Limit)

None.

Adjournment

MOTION by Painter to adjourn the meeting. Second by Lewis. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.** The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

David Reece, Chairman

Karen Lewis, Secretary