

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Recreation Advisory Board

October 22, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Present: Daniel Franklin - Secretary, Stan Painter and Karen Lewis

Absent: David Reece - Chairman and Brad Headrick

Others Present: Hailey Russell, Mayor Jill Pugh, and 6 citizens

Daniel Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION to approve the minutes from August 26, 2024 and September 19, 2024 by Karen Lewis.
Second by Stan Painter. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES**

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Pugh reported that the Town is working with Alcoa Electric to get winter banners put up along Louisville Road and Topside Road.

Update on Master Plan Progress with Kimley-Horn:

Daniel Franklin reported that two representatives from Kimley-Horn came to town two weeks ago and they went to all the properties the Town would like to grow and improve. The survey that was put out ended with 368 responses. Daniel did a quick overview of the data Kimley-Horn provided from the survey. The next step with Kimley-Horn will be a public meeting held to share with the public the feedback and gather more feedback.

Discussion on the Pickleville Agreement:

Daniel Franklin stated that the Town has not gotten as much participation as the board thought there would be. Daniel asked the board to think about discontinuing the contract with Pickleville and not continue with the second half of the contract starting next year in March. Stan Painter suggested that next meeting the board looks at the numbers from the first four month period before making a decision.

BlueCross BlueShield Healthy Spaces Grant:

Daniel Franklin stated that the online portal "has gone silent" now and hopefully we will hear back from them soon. He did also state that they have not been rewarding as many as they have in years past.

Update on the Ring in the Holiday's Parade:

Hailey Russell updated the board with the date and time for the parade (November 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.). Applications to participate in the parade are located on the Town website under the "events" tab. She also stated that since the parade is the Sunday before Thanksgiving this year that the theme chosen allows participants to include both Thanksgiving's spirit of gratitude with Christmas's joy and festive cheer. This year everyone can meet back at the Town Hall following the parade to enjoy children's crafts, free cookies, water, and pictures with Santa. Middlesettlements singers will also be present to sing holiday songs while doing the tree lighting. Lastly she stated that Middlesettlements Elementary School has agreed to be this year's Grand Marshal for the parade. Hailey also asked the board for suggestions for someone to read the Christmas Story this year.

Karen Lewis and Daniel Franklin both are going to reach out to their pastors to try and find someone.

Citizens Comments:

Ross Shaver with the Tennessee Arsenal Rangers Little League team came to speak with the board about potentially starting a partnership with the Town to get a long term agreement for use of the ballfield. Ross also mentioned that he does not want to take over the field; he would just like to have a couple of set dates for their teams to have. Mr. Shaver also asked the board what the Master Plan looks like for the ballfield. He also listed off a couple of items that he believes would be beneficial to the start of getting the field more acceptable for practices and have more options as well as safety measures.

- Daniel Franklin as Mr. Shaver to send his request to Hailey Russell. He also stated that he did not see the scheduling of month to month working for much longer. Franklin also stated that he would be okay with adding a second practice field and asked Mr. Shaver if he could lay out where he thinks a second field would be best placed in that area.
- Stan Painter asked how many teams they currently have. Josh Pitts, a coach for one of the teams stated 5 teams. They have around 50-60 kids currently on the teams. The kids on the teams are from all around a lot of them are from Louisville as well.

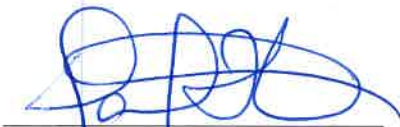
Discussion of the next monthly meeting:

The board discussed the next meeting which would be on November 26, 2024. The board decided with that being the week of Thanksgiving the board will not meet that week. There may be a public meeting scheduled in November with Kimley-Horn and that will be posted and sent out 10 days before the meeting.

MOTION by Karen Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Second by Stan Painter. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

MOTION PASSES. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

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Chairman
Secretary