TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TN
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Present: David Reece – Chairman, Karen Lewis – Secretary, Stan Painter

Absent: Brad Headrick

Others Present: Jill Pugh – Mayor, Emma Stinnett – Office Assistant, & 4 citizens.

Chairman Reece appointed Karen Lewis to be the new secretary of the board.

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION by Karen Lewis to approve the minutes. Second by Stand Painter. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that the Town has been awarded a tourism grant for improvements to the campground. The opportunity became available through the East Tennessee Development District, which assists the Town with planning. Although the Town applied at the last minute, it was selected as one of only 30 municipalities to receive funding out of several hundred applicants.

The grant is a $100,000 matching grant, requiring the Town to contribute an additional $100,000. Kimley-Horn will assist with the project. The project timeline begins in January, with planning, funding procedures, and preparatory work scheduled to start at that time.

The grant funds will cover three campground improvements requested by the Town:

1. Installation of a prefabricated fishing pier, identified in the master plan. This option is more economical than earlier design concepts.
2. Renovations to the bathhouse, including a new roof and other needed upgrades.
3. Improvement and definition of campsites, including graveling and replacing difficult-to-maintain cross ties.

The Mayor noted that although the Town does not actively promote tourism, it does operate a campground, and receiving this grant was an unexpected but exciting accomplishment. The improvements—particularly the fishing pier—are expected to be well-received by visitors due to easier access for fishing.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of next year. The Mayor expressed enthusiasm for the upgrades and the positive impact on Parks and Recreation.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

Bill Mattison questioned if there would be enough parking once a fishing pier is put in place.

Business Items:

A. Update on LPRF and Tourism Grant

The Mayor provided an update on the LPRF Grant and the Tourism Grant. The Town has received $255,817 in LPRF funding, which will require a matching contribution from the Town. The project will focus on renovating the existing seating area adjacent to the playground, constructing a 30' x 60' pavilion, and adding ADA-compliant parking. The project timeline is expected to begin rollout next year, with completion projected in 2027. Kimley-Horn is assisting with the project, and an online meeting has already been held with them to review the schedule and administrative requirements for the grant.

B. Disc Golf Request for Qualification Bid Results

John Nowell reported that **four individuals submitted bids** for the disc golf course project, and all are well-qualified. He stated that the Town is positioned to receive a very high-quality course regardless of the selected designer.

Bid Overview:

- Lowest bid: Will Shustrick
- Mid-range: Jordan
- Highest: HB Clark
- No price submitted: Daniel, who said cost varies depending on final project direction.

John noted that pricing was evaluated based on design fees and basket costs, the essential components of the project.

Designer Highlights:

- **Will Shustrick:** Three-time national champion, former world #1, current CEO of Prodigy Disc Golf. Has extensive course experience worldwide and strong community support. His lower bid likely reflects his local connection and interest in designing a signature area course.
- **HB Clark:** Very experienced with many course designs and a strong following. His involvement could help attract tourism from players familiar with Morristown courses.
- **Daniel:** Will discuss pricing later if needed.

John shared positive feedback from references regarding Will, including his strong design ability, compatibility with multi-use parks, and success drawing visitors from many states.

He concluded that all candidates meet the qualification threshold, and the final choice should focus on selecting the designer who provides the best overall value to the Town.

Stan Painter wanted clarification of what Mr. Nowell meant that if the town went with Prodigy's bid that the town would have to use their baskets. Mr. Nowell clarified that if they went with Prodigy's bid then they would have to purchase their T2 baskets.

MOTION by Karen Lewis to recommend to the BMA to approve the bid from Will Shustrick. Second by Stan Painter. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Stan Painter to adjourn the meeting. Second by Karen Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman

Karen Lewis
Secretary