

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Recreation Advisory Board

September 25, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Present: David Reece - Chairman, Brad Headrick, Scott Cupp, Daniel Franklin-Secretary

Absent: Karen Lewis

Others Present: Hailey Russell, Mayor Jill Pugh, and 8 citizens

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

Report on attendance at recent Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council meeting:

David Reece gave an update on the meeting. The basis of the meeting was to discuss connecting greenway trails in neighboring Towns/Cities to provide a main walking trail for citizens.

Poland Creek Campground - Recommended Changes for Next Season:

Daniel Franklin spoke about the recommended construction of adding additional campsites, rule changes, and rate increase.

MOTION to recommend changes to the Board of Mayor and Alderman for the 2024 season at Poland Creek Campground. Second by Brad Headrick. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Tennessee Riverline Membership:

A) Contact Blount and other towns/cities about doing a consortium membership.

Brad Headrick has been in contact with people with the Tennessee River Line group and they recommended speaking with Jeff Headrick or Jeff Harcher with Blount County. Hailey Russell (Town Administrative Assistant) also contacted the City of Friendsvilles, City Manager, Kim Rogers to see if they would be interested in doing a consortium with us.

B) Schedule Presentation:

Brad Headrick is going to try and get Brad Collete, a Tennessee RiverLine member at the next meeting for a presentation.

Prioritizing a list of suggestions for recreation in or Town including:

- A) Pavilion and Bathrooms near new playground at Town Hall**
- B) Biking/Walking/Jogging Trail using portions of old railroad bed**
- C) Louisville Point Park Playground Improvements? (Blount County)?**
- D) Beal Park Playground & permanent bathrooms**
- E) Combo tennis/pickleball courts**
- F) Splash Pad**
- G) Mountain Bike Trails**
- H) Basketball Court**
- I) Heart-Smart exercise stations around walking track**
- J) Disc Golf Course**

Daniel Franklin spoke on each of these items and what each one would mean. A list was sent out to all board members for them to think about and then email back their thoughts on top priority vs. least priority. Those answers will be discussed in the next meeting. It was also discussed that Louisville Point Park is in jurisdiction with Blount County Parks and Recreation so we will not be able to do any improvements with that area.

Georges Creek and Weatherspoon Road Boat Ramps:

A) Gaining control of these areas by the Town

Daniel Franklin updated on trying to work with TVA to get control of these areas but it will be a slower process. It will be the first of the year before the Board of Mayor and Alderman are able to work on this project.

B) Dealing with shabby houseboats attached to shore

Daniel Franklin gave an update on the houseboats and explained that the Town is trying to get them to unattach from the shore line since that is Town property. TVA posted a notice on the boat at Poland Creek. Daniel Franklin has reached out to MTAS to get some clarification on if we can create an ordinance to get control of the water areas in the Town. Going to also reach out to Knox County and see what their rules and regulations are and how they deal with these situations.

Preparation of a Parks & Recreation Master Plan for Town - required for many grants:

The Board viewed a Master Plan that Friendsville had put together from Community Development Partners, LLC. Hailey Russell, Administrative Assistant, and Mayor Jill Pugh met with this group back in June and discussed the possibility of having one made for the Town. They quoted around \$35,000. This company does all the surveys and writing of the book. They also help with the grant writing process and if awarded grant money seeing the project through to the end. At this time the Recreational Advisory Board decided they wanted to try and work on it on their own to see if they could complete a Master Plan without using a company.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Scott Cupp to adjourn the meeting; Second by Brad Headrick. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.** Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.



Chairman


Secretary