

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

JULY 22, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Present: David Reece - Chairman, Daniel Franklin - Secretary, Karen Lewis, Stan Painter

Absent: Brad Headrick

Others Present: Jill Pugh - Mayor, Hailey Russell - Administrative Assistant, & 3 citizens

Chairman Reece called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Daniel Franklin to postpone approval of the minutes until the next meeting. Second by Karen Lewis. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pugh congratulated the Board on their dedication to the Master Plan and their efforts in preparing the application for the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grant. She announced that the Town has been awarded a 50/50 matching grant in the amount of \$255,817.00.

Mayor Pugh also highlighted upcoming community events. She noted that the 35th Anniversary Celebration Fall Festival will be held on September 27, 2025, and that this year's t-shirts will feature a design commemorating the Town's 35th anniversary. In addition, she informed the Board that Town Historian Phil Mummert will host a "History Talk" at Town Hall on October 20, 2025. The program will include a presentation on the Town's history, refreshments, and a Q&A session.

Finally, Mayor Pugh advised that the Town is in the process of applying for a Tourism Grant, also a 50/50 match with a maximum award of \$100,000.00. If successful, the grant funds would support improvements at the Poland Creek Boat Ramp and the Town Campground.

Old Business Items

1. Poland Creek Campground Storage Shed Update

Administrative Assistant Hailey Russell advised the board that the shed has been ordered and it will take around 4-5 weeks for delivery.

2. 18-Hole Disc Golf Course Development

Daniel Franklin gave the board a copy of the invitation to bid for the design and construction of an 18-hole disc golf course. He advised the board that the original quote received was \$6,500.00. Hailey Russell advised Franklin and the board that this did not require a sealed bid since it was quoted under \$10,000.00 they would only need to send requests to two other companies to request a quote from and could make a recommendation to the BMA from those three quotes. Franklin stated that he preferred a sealed bid. Discussion about the bid and what it entails occurred. Bill Mattison and John Nowell participated in discussion with the board about the disc golf course and what they believed was the best approach for it.

3. Beal Park Fencing and Sign Update

Hailey Russell advised the board that the moving of the fence and installation of a new gate would occur around 4 weeks from the time of the bid getting accepted. Town Engineer Roger Bird was working with the company who was awarded the bid to ensure installation and the final product were completed to the satisfaction of the request from the town. The sign currently at Beal Park would remain the same but with the moving of the fence would allow anyone who drove by to see it and would no longer be obstructed by the fence. Tips Signs in Maryville Tennessee would be replacing the lettering on the sign to correct the name to "Henry Edgar Beal Sr., Park" ; the town logo would also be added to the sign at the same time. The new lettering and logo cost was estimated at \$3,500.00.

4. Tennessee Arsenal Contract Update

Hailey Russell advised the board that she provided a copy of the email from Josh Pitts, founder of Tennessee Arsenal of recent work that he and his team had completed at the ball field. She also provided a sample contract that she had completed in hopes to help move the process along. Russell advised that once Franklin was able to look over the contract and make any changes then he and the town attorney could look over it together before submitting it to Tennessee Arsenal.

5. LPRF Grant Update

No discussion since this was covered in the Mayor's report.

New Business Items

1. Poland Creek Campground Campsite Improvements

Hailey Russell showed the board photos of the current state of Poland Creek Campground and Boat Ramp. There was discussion about the old boat ramp that is cracked and concrete popping up. Franklin recommended talking to TVA to see if they would take the black ramp and parking lot back from the Town. Reece mentioned talking to Chris Oelgoetz about possible grant options to help improve the boat ramp and the possibility of getting a fishing pier. Russell went on to show more pictures of the campsites, recreation activities, bath house, and trash bin area. The board advised

Russell to go ahead and replace the donation bin at the boat ramp and order a new volleyball and basketball net. Reece also mentioned that the board should talk to the TVA Retirees about getting money for railroad ties to improve the campsites.

2. Beal Park Parking Lot Improvements & Beal Park Pavilion ADA Access

Russell showed photos of the Beal Park parking lot in its current state and expressed that the parking lots need to be paved and the concrete walkways be extended from the pavilions to either the walking trails or the parking lot to allow for better ADA access. Franklin mentioned that instead of paving the whole parking lot the town could just extend the concrete walkway and pour a concrete pad right in front of the pavilion for ADA loading and unloading. The board mentioned looking into new ADA accessible picnic tables for all the pavilions at Beal Park and relocating the ones currently there to Poland Creek since they are only a couple of years old.

3. BlueCross Healthy Spaces Grant Application Reopening 08/01/2025

Daniel Franklin advised that he will be reapplying for the grant again this year and was going to use the same information and requests from last year's grant application on this year's application.

5. Pavilion Fundraiser Proposal

Hailey Russell provided a power point presentation of a proposal to do a Kickball tournament to raise funds for the new pavilion at the playground on Town Hall property. She provided logistics, costs, and other information to how the day would be run and all that it would entail. Daniel Franklin mentioned dropping the word "Fundraiser" and just doing it as a community event. The board all liked the idea of having a Kickball day for the town to enjoy.

Responses To Public Input/Request From Previous Monthly Meeting

Daniel Franklin responded to Libby Young's request from the last meeting to inform the public that the Shell Station of Louisville Road will accept your Kroger gas points. Franklin asked Russell to put that on the website for citizens to be aware of.

He also responded to Bill Mattison's request to add a grit to the paint when redoing the paint on the bridge to the dog park at Beal Park to allow for better traction. Russell advised she will let the maintenance team know.

Adjournment

MOTION by Daniel Franklin to adjourn the meeting. Second by Karen Lewis. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary