

Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

January 7, 2025 @ 5:30pm

Executive Conference Room

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on January 7, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Executive Conference room of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Committee members present were Steve Smith, Jennifer Mason, Ricky Jones, Chris Richards and Bill Petty. Committee member David O'Neil was not present.

Also present were Bobby Cook, Attorney with Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Gordon Hampton, Parks and Recreation Director; Rick Taylor, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation and Phyllis Huffman, Parks and Recreation Administration.

Chairman Smith noted no one signed up for Citizen Communication, then called for the acceptance of the October 2, 2024 minutes. Vice Chair Mason made a motion to accept, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-1, with Commissioner Richards abstaining.

Committee members reviewed the following resolutions:

- **Resolution Appropriating And Amending The 2024-25 Parks And Recreation Budget By \$138,000.00 – Revenues To Come From Unappropriated County General Funds.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval, seconded by Vice Chair Mason. Parks and Recreation Director Gordon Hampton explained to the Committee that these funds are for new seating at the College Grove Artsitorium. The original seating has never been replaced and many of the broken seats have been removed because parts were not available for repair. Director Hampton also pointed out that the carpet is in disrepair and needs to be replaced and that the activities at the College Grove Artsitorium generate over \$138,000.00. Commissioner Richards was concerned that the Sheriff's office could not afford new protective gear for the officers and that \$138,000.00 to spend on seating seemed unnecessary. Director Hampton responded that the Parks And Recreation Department add revenue to the County General Funds and the Sheriff's office does not. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Richards voting no.
- **Resolution The Williamson County Mayor To Enter Into A Grant Contract With The Tennessee Department Of Environment And Conservation And Appropriating And Amending The 2024-25 Parks And Recreation Budget By \$75,000.00 – Revenues To Come From Grant Funds.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Richards. Parks and Recreation Director Gordon Hampton said this grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for the provision of funding for brownfield investigations at Bending Chestnut and Gregory Park. Director Hampton reported that people dump trash off of the overpass bridge at the 840 Interstate. These funds are to investigate the damage done to these areas. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- **Resolution Appropriating And Amending The 2024-25 Parks And Recreation Budget By \$179,964.49 – Revenues To Come From Donations.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Richards. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- **Resolution Amending The Five – Year Capital Improvement Program For Schools, Roads, Fire Protection and Recreation.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval, seconded by Commissioner Richards. The Capital Improvement Program is a planning tool used to anticipate and schedule future capital projects and is required by the state to assess the Adequate Facility Tax and the Adequate School Facility Tax. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1, with Commissioner Richards abstaining.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:01pm.