



LAFAYETTE COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

Minutes

January 24, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Lafayette County Courthouse
County Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lafayette County Parks Committee Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair, Carmen McDonald; Gary Benson; Lee Gill

Lay Members: Mark Greene, Chris Guthrie, Chris Long

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

County Staff – Melody Mayne, Troy Loeffelholz

Public – Mike Parks, Mike Gould, David Bruenig

2. PROOF OF PROPER POSTING

Committee Chair McDonald asked for proof of proper posting. Ms. Mayne stated the agenda was posted at 700 Main Building & on the County website, sent to all County Departments for posting in their facilities, to the Republican Journal, and to all Committee Members.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Gill, second by Mr. Benson to approve the agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 12, 2023

Motion by Mr. Benson, second by Ms. Gill to approve the minutes as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. REPORTS (Not actionable):

a. Flint & Cap – Mr. Parks provided information regarding Yellowstone Flint & Cap

- Clearing some trees.
- Planning for the Rendezvous that is 4/30-5/5, being open to the public on Saturday 5/4 and Sunday 5/5.
- No current concerns in regards to the campground area.
- Will contact Planning & Zoning Office with a donation toward a new entrance sign for the park.

b. Friends of Woodford Park – Mr. Long stated there are trees by the camping area that need trimmed or taken down.

c. Sportsman's Alliance – Mr. Gould and Mr. Bruenig stated that everything was going good and had nothing further to add.

d. Lafayette County Sheriff's Office – Chief Deputy Loeffelholz stated there is not a report, but the Sheriff's Office is willing to help. Discussion was had regarding improvements that have been noticed as the frequency of LE presence increased in 2023. Chief Deputy Loeffelholz gave an outline of the LE cover moving forward. A grant written by Corporal Redfearn has made increased LE coverage of the area possible.

All reports for informational purposes only.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting.

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7. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – Draft of Parks and Recreation Ordinance

Draft ordinances containing Corporation Counsel amendments were provided. Discussion was had about section 1.9 and section 1.6 (D).

Motion by Ms. Gill, second by Mr. Benson to approve sending the draft Parks and Recreation Ordinance to the Planning & Zoning Committee for consideration. Voice vote. Motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION Regarding Host/Hostess

Ms. McDonald asked for input regarding placing a host/hostess in a camper at the entrance of the Park. Mr. Long asked what the benefits would be. Mr. Guthrie stated that the person could monitor the entrance and patrol the campground. Mr. Long stated just the extra cost for a camper to hook to electricity there would be \$15/day (\$140/month) and questioned if the benefits would outweigh the cost. Discussion was had to re-evaluate the necessity after the Park was open this season (2024).

Discussion was had regarding the use of surveillance cameras. No action was taken.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION Regarding Contracts

Mr. Gould and Mr. Bruenig stated the Sportsmans' Alliance want to renew their two-year contract. Friends of Woodford Park expressed gratitude for the continuance of the agreement. The Planning & Zoning Office will prepare the contract for signature. No action taken.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION Regarding removal of walnut tree near the well.

Mr. Long contacted Alliant Energy. When it comes time to take the tree down, Alliant will disconnect the power and reconnect when the tree has been removed. Mr. Long will look into getting a boom truck. No action taken.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Host/Hostess for June Agenda
- Dumpster
- Camera
- Update on research into hunting at Woodford Park
- Update on liability insurance
- Handicap fishing pier

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 5 pm in the County Board Room.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Benson, second by Mr. Guthrie to adjourn meeting at 6:15 pm. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Minutes by: MAM

