

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
July 12, 2022**

The City of Mountain Brook Parks & Recreation Board met at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at City Hall.

Board Members Present: Brian Lucas
Elizabeth Dunn
Dean Nix
Helen Drennen

David Price

Board Members Absent: Charles Carper
Aimee Reese
Trent Wright

Meredith Waldrop

Others Present: Carolyn Buck
Sam Gaston
Allen Jones
LaTorya Mines
Graham Smith

Virginia Smith
Katherine Shepherd
Shanda Williams

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Brian Lucas called the meeting to order and asked for approval of June 14, 2022, meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by David and seconded by Elizabeth, the minutes for June 14, 2022, were approved.

1. Park Director's Report – Shanda Williams.

Parks:

- Jemison Trail We have come across a new idea for handling the creek bank erosion and we are trying to finalize the contract for council approval. This company has worked with The Nature Conservancy on other similar erosion projects.
- Watkins Trail: We have the pipe in place under the trail and they guys are working on the headwalls and dressing up around it. They will put fresh gravel on the trail before they leave the area.
- Nature Trail: We have a couple of dead trees that will be removed Friday, July 15. They will need to close Overbrook Rd and the trail to do this work.
- Canterbury Park: Dale, Aimee, Virginia and I met with the neighbors and discussed various ideas for the park. Dale is working on the plan that incorporates everything we agreed on. I hope to share that soon.

Sports Fields:

- Complex Improvements: (Phase 2)-Clements Dean
 - Clements Dean is still working on the punch list of small details to finish
 - The security cameras are in the process of being installed.
- Field 1-Morris-Shea:

- The restroom/concession building is complete except for the concession stand window. There is a temporary window in place until the correct one arrives.
 - They also have temporary nets in place in the batting cage until the special ordered ones arrive.
 - We are also waiting on the bleacher shades.
 - I am working on ordering the bleachers for the smaller corner fields.
 - Signs have been installed on the dugouts and concession stand.
- Cherokee Bend Field-Duncan and Thompson:
 - They have finished the landscaping and will finish staining the concrete the week of July 11.

General news:

- FY-2023 Budget: First drafts of the budget have been turned in.
- New Employee: We have hired another new laborer, Linus Ellis. We have more openings if you know anyone that would be interested, full time or seasonal.
- World Games: The Haudenosaunee National Team is a top contender for the lacrosse games. They will be using the field at MBE for practices. Saturday, July 9 they will be interacting with our rec teams and Monday morning they will do a short ceremony at 9am.
- I completed the third leadership certificate issued from the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. They will have a graduation ceremony in September.
- CDL: The federal laws have changed and it is much harder to get CDL's to drive dump trucks and bigger trucks. We are working with Public Works to figure out a way to be certified as trainers so our new employees can get their CDLs easier.

2. Sports Report –

Jim Jeter – MB Soccer – Per Brian Lucas; Soccer is finishing up travel ball. They will start registration for fall ball.

Brad Hart – MBA Sports - Per Brian Lucas; MBA has summer sports going. Flag football registration opened a week ago.

Meredith Waldrop – MB LAX – Per Brian Lucas; LAX is finished with travel ball. They will start registration for fall ball.

3. Old Business – None

4. New Business – Signage-Fresh Water Land Trust – Carolyn Buck

One of the objectives of the Fresh Water Land Trust is to connect the Red Rock Trail System; which is a network of trails, paths and sidewalks throughout Jefferson County. The master plan includes about 750 miles of trails. Currently approximately 127 miles are developed. They want to put signage on the developed trails. The signs have already been designed including material, shape, size and colors. Ms. Buck presented the signage and asked if the City of Mountain Brook is interested in adding signage to Jemison Park Trail. The Park Board will take this information to the Sign Committee and FoJP to include in ongoing designs. Ms. Buck said the City can contact her if/when they wish to move forward with signage.

General Discussion – Lightning Detector – Brian Lucas

The process they already have in place is good. The coaches and commissions know the process. In the event of a storm they try to get the kids off fields and somewhere safe. Cherokee Bend Elementary is the only place they don't have somewhere to put the kids. There was some discussion regarding working with the school/Board of Education to gain access for emergencies.

City Council Candidate – Katherine Shepherd

Katherine introduced Graham Smith. She works with the FoJP Board and is now running for City Council in the upcoming election.

5. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

6. Schedule next meeting: Next meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.