



Monthly Report for: June 2018

Sevierville PARKS AND RECREATION *So much more than a walk in the park.*

Items from the director's deck.....

Ups for the month



-Very hot dry month.... thank goodness, the budget process is over for this year.

Not so much an up



-We are being challenged by homeless sleeping on the Greenway and at City Park. The Police Department has been great to assist with this challenge.

Notes/Graphs/Pictures from each division...

Parks and Recreation: This division includes but is not limited to: All outdoor parks, greenways and all other city and city contracted properties. This division also includes Winterfest, Beautification and Trees with the primary goal of this division being to provide overall departmental leadership and support plus providing clean, safe and aesthetically pleasing public areas throughout the City of Sevierville.

- This month our Maintenance Staff began the redo of the Picnic Shelter at JB Waters Park in Love Addition. This metal picnic structure has been in place since 1982 and needed some major repairs. Parks and Recreation Maintenance Staff began work on this project this month. We are using a lot of left over materials from other projects, so we feel the new roof will be less than \$1,000 dollars in materials.



- We have been asked to leave these lights up at the Gazebo Downtown.... we will honor that request.



Community Center: The Community Center is a 43,000-square foot multipurpose building that includes: 10-lane bowling center, 6-lane natatorium, children's programs, gym, two racquetball courts, weight, fitness and spinning room, locker rooms and administrative offices for Community Center Management.

- Summer Camp began in early June.... all is well.

Civic Center: The Civic Center provides 11,000 square feet of multipurpose public meeting space and rental areas. The Civic Center has two meeting rooms, Council Hall and LeConte Auditorium. Administrative Offices for the entire Parks and Recreation Department.

- The curtain was taken down in Council Hall, it was installed in 1998 and needed some major repairs, so we purchased some portable folding walls which are much easier to work with and gives us more flexibility in that room.

Other Special Notes or Programs:

This time of year, when it is so dry, every morning at 4am our Parks and Recreation Maintenance Staff must water every flower in pots or planters. We even water these if it rains, for the rain does not provide enough water to keep these flowers healthy and bright in such a hot environment next to sidewalks and roads.





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Minutes Sevierville Trees-Trails and Beautification Committee Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 11:30am

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevierville Trees-Trails and Beautification Committee was held at the Sevierville Civic Center on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 11:30am.

Members Present:

Bob Parker-Chairman/Maxine Ownby-Citizen/ Betty Ogle-Citizen/Devin Koester-Alderman/Steve Springer-SCES

Members Absent:

Chad Huskey-Citizen/Lisa Bryant-KSB/Emily Kile-Citizen/Joe Mattern-City Staff/Dixie Seaton-Sevierville Garden Club

Others Present:

Carla Lindsey-City Staff
Jim Rouhan-City Staff
Diane Warwick-TN Dept. of Forestry

Chairman Bob Parker called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Betty Ogle and seconded by Mrs. Maxine Ownby to approve the October 2017 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Update on Greenway Projects:

- Director Parker gave an updated on two greenway projects: Phase III Greenway is waiting on a notice to proceed for construction from TDOT; the Director is hoping for a fall date to start construction. West Prong Greenway Project is going to require some additional work by our Engineering Firm due to some Floodway challenges. This will delay the design of this project by several months.
- Reports from members whom represent other agencies/groups:
 - Garden Club-No representative was present.
 - SCES—Mr. Steve Springer noting specific to report.
 - Keep Sevier Beautiful- No representative was present.

New Business

- Update on Master Plan-Director Parker had sent an email to members of this board regarding meeting dates/role regarding greenways and suggestions for any changes. The Director noted that the responses he received were a consensus to keep things as they are.

- Update on Weeping Willow Tree on Bruce Street-A before pic was shown to the board and then an after picture showing where the Weeping Willow Tree had been removed, due to roots clogging the pipe in the ditch and the tree was dying, and the stump was removed and the area landscaped. The TN. Dept. of Forestry Division had suggested that the Sycamore Trees stay. There was some discussion regarding the fact that this tree and the replacement landscaped area is on private property.
- Update on Landscaping of the new City of Sevierville Fire Department- The plan was approved with a budget of \$25,000.00 The City will put up a nice fence around the cemetery. It was suggested that landscaping the adjacent McMahan Cemetery be considered.
- Update on John Sevier Grove on Middle Creek Project-Due the Chamber of Commerce needing a new location for the John Sevier Award Memorial trees; and since there are no trees planned along the new Phase III Greenway project; City Staff felt we should applied for a tree grant with the TN Dept. of Forestry. If approved, the grant will provide for sixty-five (65) trees to be planted that will enhance the greenway and provide Tree Memorials. Ms. Warwick from the Tennessee Division of Forestry commented on the application and informed the board that she was one of three tree professionals rating the grants and she briefly discussed the point system. A decision should be made next week.
- Board Appointments-Director Parker stated that Steve Springer/ SCES had been reappointed for a term of two years and Ms. Dixie Seaton/Garden Club and Ms. Lisa Bryant/KSB for three- year terms.
- Chairman Parker reviewed the Tree Board Report for July 2017-June 30th, 2018.

A motion was made by Mrs. Betty Ogle and seconded by Mrs. Maxine Ownby to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018

End of Report