

Fayette County Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes

April 08, 2025

Present:

Charles McCollum – Recreation Commission Chair

Nick Kilburg- Recreation Commission Vice-Chair

Bobby Ferrell-Recreation Commissioner

Anita Godbee – Director, Parks and Recreation

Mary Catherine Domaleski – Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

- I. Call to order: 6:35 PM
- II. Welcome, Invocation, and Pledge: Charles
- III. Public Comment: none
- IV. Minutes
 - a. February 2025: motion to approve-Bobby, second by Nick; all in favor
 - b. March 2025: motion to approve-Bobby, second by Nick; all in favor
- V. Old Business
 - a. Multiuse Facility Update
 - i) The guaranteed maximum price for the facility will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during their April 22, 2025, Board of Commission meeting.
 - ii) Site fencing has been installed. A gravel walkway has been installed so park patrons can still safely access Patriot Park. Fire and EMS have completed training at the building.
 - iii) Tentative project schedule:
 - Site work will begin the first week of May.
 - Project completion expected Fall 2026
 - b. FY2026 Budget
 - i) Ms. Godbee advised that all the CIP presented at previous meetings had been submitted. Nick discussed the request regarding the tree removal at East Fayette Gym. He had visited the site and determined that the trees should be removed. All Recreation Commissioners agreed to recommend that this project be high in priority order of CIP request. The Maintenance and Operation budget was also submitted.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Board Elections – tabled until May meeting due to lack of full board.

- b. 5K Special Event Request – Ms. Godbee presented information regarding a request to close McCurry Park from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a 5K. The event is to raise awareness for prostate cancer. The 5K was held last year with no issues and in fact had some very positive comments regarding the event. The Recreation Commission agreed to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the park should be closed for the 5K special event again this year.

VII. Staff Reports

- a. Ms. Godbee gave a presentation regarding a possible grant opportunity for a fitness court. One side of the court would have workout elements. The other side would provide an outdoor space for classes and programs such as Zumba, Yoga, etc. The outdoor space will have a covered shade structure over the space.
The Recreation Commission agreed that presenting a request to the Board of Commissioners for a funding match for this grant should be postponed until after the multiuse facility is completed and operational.
- b. Ms. Godbee reminded everyone that the 50th Anniversary Event for Parks and Recreation was scheduled for May 2, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at McCurry Park. The event will include inflatables for all ages, Glo Golf games, food trucks, vendors, and a drone show. Volunteers are still needed to help with this event.

VIII. Board Reports

- a. None

- IX. Adjournment: Motion- Nick, Second – Bobby, all in favor 7:39 p.m.

Next Meeting – May 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM