

CITY OF FARMERSVILLE
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
May 23, 2011

The Farmersville Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on May 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Russell Chandler, Betty Sergent, Marianne Politz, Alicia Wisdom and Mark Vincent. Staff member present was City Secretary Edie Sims. Council Liaison present was Jim Foy.

CALL TO ORDER

City Secretary Edie Sims called the meeting to order at 6:08pm, called roll and announced that a quorum was present. Diane Piwko was introduced as a visitor.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Public Works Director Ben White was not able to attend but asked that his list of projects be introduced to the Parks Board. Fertilizer has been applied to the parks in town, including the Spain Complex, with two applications. Mr. White is aware of irrigation issues at the Spain Complex and will addressing those as quickly as possible. Also Mr. White would like to enhance the security of the fields by adding additional gates at the Spain Complex. Weeding and bed control is trying to be addressed and the Rotary Club has offered to assist with this project. The Garden Club will be asked for their assistance as well. Two community groups have offered their assistance working on the Chaparral Trail from Houston Street to Murchison Street. Mr. White has plans of having a 100x100' rest area along the trail to be cleared approximately every mile. Mr. White is asking the Parks Board to be in search of other groups who would take responsibility to assist at the various parks and locations around the City including the rest areas on the Chaparral Trail. Mr. White extended his regrets for not being present, but will make all efforts to attend future Parks Board meetings.

Chairman Russell Chandler asked Diane Piwko to speak on other community activities. Ms. Piwko spoke to the Parks Board regarding the Movie in the Park event. Previously the Farmersville Downtown Merchants Association (FDMA) sponsored and hosted this event where four movies were shown during the summer months and food was provided free to the participants. The FDMA will not be sponsoring or hosting this event this year. Ms. Piwko believes this is a salvageable event; however she is not in the position to take on the planning of this event. She suggested that organized events held prior to the movie showing which would, in theory, bring more people to the downtown area and allow for more participants. Ms. Piwko suggested the Parks Board assist with physical activities such as an egg toss, three-legged race or other such events. Coordinators will need to provide the supplies for each event and ensure adults are available for chaperoning and issuing prizes. Suggestions of having a First Aid Station, asking for more police presence, asking the PTO to get involved were brought forward. Jim Foy stated some security issues may be prevented with more lighting in the City Park. Ms. Piwko stated she will handle all the food and supplies for the food. She also stated if given specifics, she would shop for the prizes to be giveaways. Russell Chandler encouraged having more kids be involved and take ownership. The dates for "Summer in the Park" will be June

25th, July 16th, August 20th and September 17th. The plan would be to start the games and activities at 7:00pm and allow people to get their food and start the movie at dark. The Board will look for avenues to participate with this event and help with adult chaperones.

DISCUSS PARK BOARD REPLACEMENTS

The Parks Board was tasked with recruiting future Board members asking for volunteers to sign up. The Board reviewed the names of applicants who have stated an interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Board. Russell Chandler stated he would like to continue serving and sees that all choices were definitely recommendable to the City Council. Replacements will be brought to the City Council at their next meeting on June 14th. No further discussion was held.

DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Items requested for Future Agendas included:

- Formal Recommendation to Council of a Budget for the Parks Board
- Saturday in the Park
- Rike Field
- Splash Pad and Soccer Field plans

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Alicia Wisdom and a second by Marianne Politz, the Board adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Russell Chandler, Chairperson