

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2024 Noon at Manchester Recreation Center

In attendance: AJ Fox- Director, Becki Johnson- Assistant Director, Katie West- Activities Coordinator, , Nicholas Gonder- Recreation Specialist, Berto Infante- Athletics Coordinator, Cierra Kujawa- Aquatics Manager, Justin Bryan- Wellness Manager, Stan Rogers, Brent Parsley, Leslie Brasfield, Dr. Prater Powell, Julie Anderson- Alderman, Nathan Havenner- Manchester Times, Katie (?) - Thunder Radio.

1. Approval of meeting minutes from Thursday, August 8, 2024- Motion made by Dr. Prater Powell with a second by Alderman Julie Anderson. All approve.

2. Citizen Comments

A. None.

3. Programs Report

A. **Pool Pawty** – The annual Pool Pawty is set for Saturday, September 14th, 2024 from 2pm to 3pm. All dogs are charged \$5.00 to come to the event.

B. **Pickleball Workshop** – Member Kathy Hughes will be hosting a pickleball workshop to spark interest in the sport and teach the game on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 from 10am to 12pm in the gym. There are currently 27 signed up for the workshop.

C. **Amazing Family Night** – Amazing Family Night will be held on Friday, September 27th, 2024 from 7pm to 9pm sponsored by Southland Pharmacy.

D. **Kudzu Clean Up** – The Kudzu Clean Up Project hosted by Recreation Specialist, Nick Gonder, will be held on Saturday, September 28th. There are currently three volunteers to participate in the project.

E. **Halloween Bash** – The annual Halloween Bash will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 2024. The Recreation Complex has partnered with Reese's Genes Boutique for a second year to host a trunk-or-treat starting at 5pm. There will be other activities including a costume contest, cakewalk, and food trucks. There will be a hayride that runs from 6pm to 7:30pm, with the event ending with the movie Inside Out 2 at 7:30pm sponsored by Comfort Inn Suites.

4. Maintenance

A. **Maintenance Week** – The Recreation Complex conducted its annual September shut down for a shorter period this year from Tuesday, September 3, 2024 to Thursday, September 5, 2024. During this time, the upstairs hallway to the wellness room received a new paint job and lots of deep cleaning occurred to welcome guests back into a nice, clean building.

- B. **Storm Damage** – In a recent storm, a large tree fell and damaged a bench and part of the fencing at the city’s Barkaroo dog park.

5. Old Business

- A. None.

6. New Business

- A. **Adult League Fall Soccer** – Athletics Coordinator, Berto Infante, has proposed to host a 5v5 Adult Fall Soccer League. Games will be three times a week from October 1, 2024 to November 1, 2024 and teams can register for \$300.00 per team. A motion of approval for the pricing comes from Leslie Brasfield with a second by Stan Rogers. All approve.
- B. **Program Vehicle** – The Recreation Complex has proposed a purchase of a new Ford Transit Van for programs such as the After School Program and senior trips. This is a brand new 2024 model that seats 15 for \$53,723.00. A motion of approval for the purchase comes from Alderman Julie Anderson with a second by Leslie Brasfield. All approve.
- C. **Chiller Replacement** – The Recreation Complex is requesting a purchase order for a new chiller. The current chiller has been in place since the Recreation Complex opened in 2003 and desperately needs to be replaced. There is an eight month lead time on ordering new, so it is best to start the process now in hopes to have a new chiller before or around summer 2025. A motion of approval for this request to be taken to the Finance Committee comes from Dr. Prater Powell with a second by Alderman Julie Anderson. All approve.
- D. **5-Year Recreation Complex Maintenance Plan** – Wold Engineering will be conducting the 5-year maintenance plan for the Recreation Complex. The first area that will be redone is the aquatics area to re-plaster the outdoor pool, replace pool pumps, replace pool filters, and other repairs as seen fit. This first phase will also cover redoing the Aerobics Room floor. There is a consulting fee of \$85,000.00 with Wold. A motion of approval for the consultation comes from Alderman Julie Anderson with a second by Leslie Brasfield. All approve.
- E. **Farmers Market Bylaws** – The Coffee County Farmer’s Market has requested that the Manchester Recreation Complex not open on Saturday’s during their season because it is the only day they are open. Once they are closed for the season, the Recreation Complex Farmer’s Market will move from Wednesdays to Saturdays starting October 5, 2024. During this change, the booth fee will drop from \$200.00 to \$100.00. A motion of approval for the new fees comes from Dr. Prater Powell with a second by Stan Rogers.

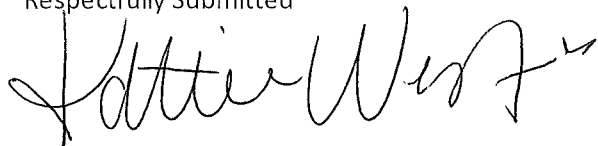
7. Items from the Recreation Commission

- A. The Recreation Commission would like to see more softball tournaments come to Manchester to boost popularity and revenue, and encourages the Recreation Complex to reach out to new contacts to get tournaments scheduled.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024 at Noon.

9. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

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Katie West, Activities Coordinator

