

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Mt. Juliet Parks & Recreation
1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy.
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122



Agenda

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

6:00 PM

Charlie Daniels Park

Parks and Greenways Board

1. **Call to Order and Declare a Quorum Present**
Public Notice November 5, 2024 Meeting **0911**
Attachments: Public Notice November 5, 2024
2. **Approval of Minutes**
September 9, 2024 Parks Board Minutes **0909**
Attachments: Sept 09. 2024 ParksBoardMinutes
3. **Set Agenda**
November 5, 2024 Agenda **0910**
Attachments: Parks Board November Agenda
4. **Citizens Comments**
5. **Special Presentations**
6. **Adjournment**



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Public Notice November 5, 2024 Meeting

Public Notice

The City of Mt. Juliet Parks Board Committee will have a public meeting at 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at the Community Center, Meeting Room A, located at 1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy., to discuss Parks and Recreation growth, strengths, and opportunities.

The public is invited to attend.

Rock, , Parks Director

City of Mt. Juliet



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September 9, 2024 Parks Board Minutes

MT. JULIET PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: **Bi-Monthly Board Meeting**

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2024

LOCATION: Charlie Daniels Park (CDP) – Community Center

ATTENDEES:

Parks Board	Present	Not Present
Tina Hutsenpiller / Chairperson	X	
Dave Schilling / Secretary	X	
Taryn Tarter	X	
Adrian Muniz III	X	
Ross Hayes	X	
Terri Atwood	X	

City Staff, Commissioners, Other Guests	Present	Not Present
Rocky Lee, Parks Director	X	
Melinda Troutman, Deputy Parks Director of Admin	X	
Jennifer Diekmann, Parks Director Assistant		X
Bill Trivett, City Commissioner	X	
Others / Guests: Amy Rider	X	
Ann and Chip Bailey	X	

1. Meeting started at approximately 6:00 pm.
2. The July 2024 Parks Board meeting minutes were approved.
3. Citizens Comments:
 - Ms. Rider commented how she has noted a significant amount of non-native vegetation has grown up around the Cedar Creek greenway. She asked how this was being controlled. Rocky noted the area immediately adjacent to the greenway pavement needs to be continuously mowed. Ms. Rider offered to consult with the Parks Department on removing these invasive plants during key times of the year. Ideally this would apply to all City greenways but intent is to start with the Cedar Creek greenway first.
4. Special Presentations:
 - Ms. Bailey presented a project they would like to implement. Called a “Rainbow Bridge”, it is a small bridge where owners may place dog collars on rails in remembrance of dogs that have passed away. A handout was provided (attached) to describe the intent. Discussion centered on its suggested location (Will Seller’s dog park), size and construction, and expansion opportunities. The Parks Board supported the idea and asked that Ms. Bailey coordinate with the Parks Department on next steps.

5. Park Director's Report

- a. The Toddler Yard at the MJ Parks annex building is essentially complete. Construction of a sidewalk is planned for Nov. The cornhole pads are about two weeks out and the building itself is probably about two months out. A ribbon cutting event will be scheduled once the facility is ready to open.
- b. An agreement has been reached with the Senior Citizens group on shared future use of the former MJ police station. It will include generous amounts of flex space that the Parks Department can use for larger events (such as the Daddy-Daughter dance).
- c. Noted that six flag poles have been installed at the future Veteran's Wall at the train station. The wall itself will consist of large granite blocks. The City is accepting names to place on the wall.
- d. A large flagpole is planned at Charlie Daniels Park near a new vintage fire truck.
- e. The Celebrate Mt. Juliet event is planned for Saturday (Sept. 7) from 4 – 9 pm. Looking for volunteers to help.
- f. Community Yard Sale scheduled for Sept. 14
- g. Health and Wellness event sponsored by the Credit Union scheduled for Sept. 19
- h. Live Like Ambria event scheduled for Sept. 21. Activities to include a 5k fun run and pickleball tournament.
- i. Pickles for Pups fundraising event scheduled for Oct. 5 at Mundy Park to help support the MJ Animal Shelter.
- j. Halloween in the Park is scheduled for Oct. 19. Includes a candy giveaway
- k. Dawali festival scheduled for Oct. 26
- l. The Parks Department is considering a Christmas in the Park focus by bringing in 100 six-ft tall Christmas trees for groups or families within the city to decorate around the walking path. It would run about a month from Dec. 2 to Jan. 2. Discussed using solar powered lights.
- m. Robinson Park – sewer work is expected to wrap up in November.
- n. A sidewalk connection with drainage culverts was installed at the soccer park off Golden Bear Parkway.
- o. Rocky noted their department was approached by Dr. Mitchell who is looking to hold a very large charity event at CDP (targeting 10,000 people). Concerns were raised on the lack of details and logistics of such a large gathering.
- p. A "Clyde the Camel" monument is coming to CDP – location to be determined.
- q. Next public hearing on the City's proposed recreation center is to be held on Sept. 10 at Just Love Coffee. Looking at a zero-entry pool with two gymnasiums and walking trail as a minimum starting point given the limits of the initial \$14M budget. There are approximately 1,700 members registered with the City parks system. Discussed how a City tax would greatly increase the viability of the center but it needs public support.
- r. A trail head at the Park Glen subdivision to serve the Cedar Creek greenway is in the works.
- s. The Parks Department's mowing services of the City properties are continuing despite staffing shortages.
- t. A MJ Homecoming event is scheduled for Oct. 12 at the Circle P Ranch. Activities will include making molasses, grist meals, and straw brooms. Food trucks will be in attendance along with an auction to support various charities.

- u. Rocky thanked his department for all their hard work in running the department and keeping up with the various activities.
- 6. Christmas Lights Contest:**
- a. Discussed the need to start planning for this year's event. Noted that during the committee's drive by, the outdoor decorations must be lighted and active.
- 7. Friends of the Mt. Juliet Parks 501c**
- a. Rocky noted the water bottle filling station in the CDP community center (which was previously authorized through funds provided by the Friends of the Mt. Juliet Parks group) is in the works.
 - b. It was reported the 501c bank balance currently sits at \$21,486.92
- 8. Old business**
- a. None.
- 9. New Business**
- a. None.
- 10.** Adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm. Next meeting is November 7 at 6:00 pm (Thursday to miss election night on Nov. 5)

End of Meeting Minutes

The Rainbow Bridge



There is a bridge connecting Heaven & Earth.
It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of its many colors.
Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge there is a land of
meadows, hills and valleys with lush green grass.

When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place.
There is always food and water and warm spring weather.
The old and frail animals are young again. Those who
are maimed are made whole. They play together all day.

There is only one thing missing. They are not with
their special person who loved them on Earth.
Each day they run and play until the day comes
when one suddenly stops playing and looks up.
The nose twitches! The ears are up! The eyes are staring!
And thus one runs from the group.

You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet,
you take him or her in your arms and embrace.

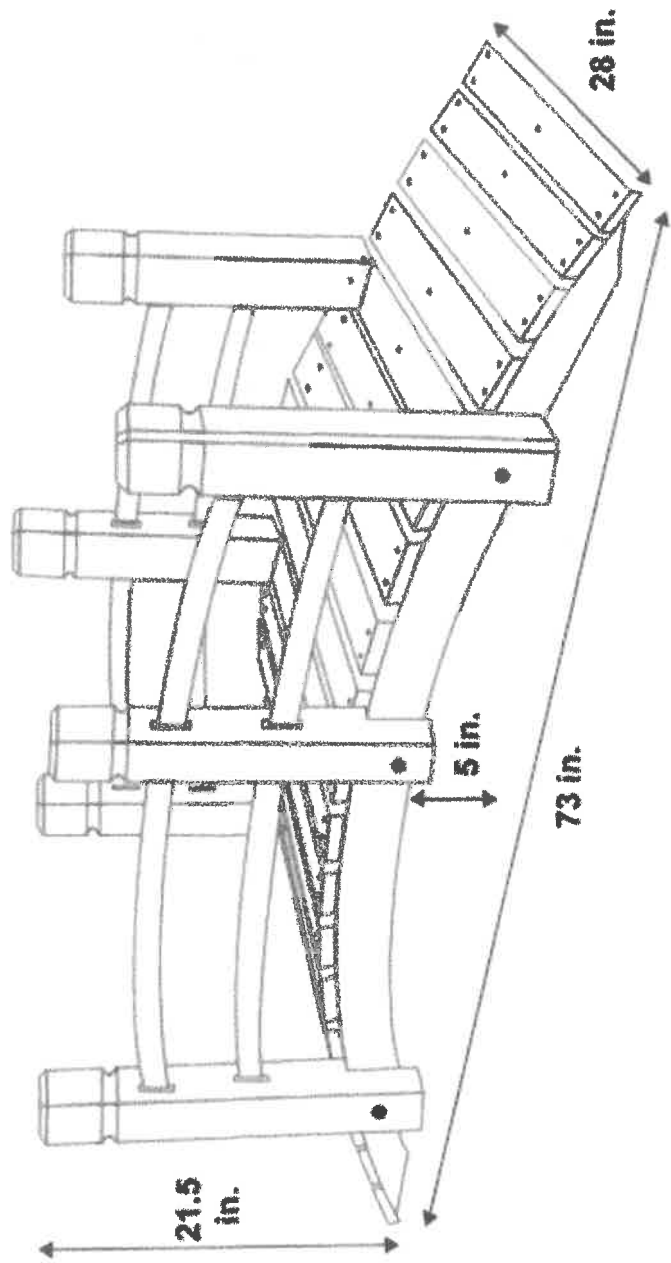
Your face is kissed again and again, and you look once
more into the eyes of your trusting friend.

So long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.
When you cross the Rainbow Bridge together,
never again to be separated.

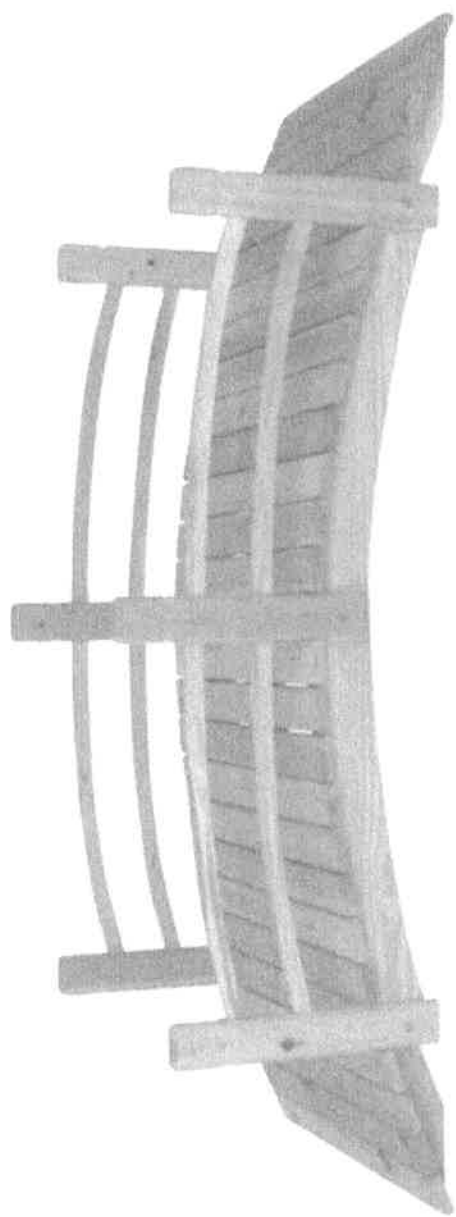




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**11/05/2024
Parks Board Meeting
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Establish quorum and call to order

Approve September Minutes

Citizens Comments

Special Presentations

Park Director

Old Business

Rec Center

Senior Center

Christmas Lights contest

Friends of Mt. Juliet Parks - treasurers report

Water fountain update

Adjourn