

# MT. JULIET PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**SUBJECT:**                **Bi-Monthly Board Meeting**

**MEETING DATE:**    November 5, 2024

**LOCATION:**                Charlie Daniels Park (CDP) – Community Center

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>Parks Board</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Tina Hutsenpiller / Chairperson	X	
Dave Schilling / Secretary	X	
Taryn Tarter	X	
Adrian Muniz III	X	
Ross Hayes	X (partial)	
Terri Atwood		X

<b>City Staff, Commissioners, Other Guests</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
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:		

1. Meeting started at approximately 6:00 pm.
2. The September 3, 2024 Parks Board meeting minutes were approved.
3. Citizens Comments: None
4. Special Presentations: None
5. **Park Director’s Report:** See attachment. Supplemental notes as follows...
  - a. Estimated the Activity Center opening in mid-December. A teen center room will be created at the Community Center with a new billiards table. Being at the Community Center will allow the room to be monitored at the door.
  - b. The City’s lease agreement with the Senior Center is being worked out with Legal. The building will be the responsibility of the Parks Department.
  - c. Veterans Wall has initially 200 names. Discussed whether the wall is monitored by cameras. Bill noted to focus on the operational aspects if cameras are implemented.
  - d. The vintage Fire Truck should arrive this week.
  - e. Clyde the Camel statue is being reconsidered since its location near the toddler play yard which may be a problem since the statue was not designed to be climbed on.
  - f. New City Recreation Center discussions will be moving to the first quarter of 2025.
  - g. Announced that \$4,175 was raised from the “Pickles for Pups” event. Looking to schedule a check presentation soon.

- h. Craft and Vendor Fair was a large success.
  - i. The “We Love Our City” event had a good turnout as well.
  - j. Dan Baker is hosting an event on Nov. 6 with a silent auction from 5- 7 pm
  - k. Noted interest in building a swing in the serenity area of CDP.
  - l. The City held a coat drive with several (15+) large boxes donated for relief to East Tennessee hurricane relief. The delivery was well received by the recipients.
  - m. Rocky noted he was dealing with one lady who was abusing the Pickleball court rules. Her rights to use the courts has since been terminated.
- 6. Christmas Notes:**
- a. Announced that a new 28-ft tall artificial Christmas tree has been installed at the Metro WeGo Train Station to replace the dead tree. It will be lighted from Thanksgiving to early January.
  - b. Interest in the Christmas parade has been very good. Expect over 100 floats.
  - c. Christmas in the Park is being expanded this year. The City has acquired 50 live trees and installed them around the CDP walking trail. This is considered a fundraising event with the community or business being asked to sponsor a tree at \$200/each which covers the tree cost. The sponsor will be responsible for decorating the tree (City is not responsible for lost or stolen ornaments). Power is not provided but the sponsor can use solar lights.
  - d. Christmas house light contest.
    - i. Entries open from Dec. 1 to Dec. 11. Entries to be submitted online with a current photo and short video.
    - ii. Same award categories from last year to be used.
    - iii. Parks Board to screen the online entries and make a tour of the homes on Dec. 12. Start time moved up to 5 pm.
    - iv. The winners will be given their awards during the Dec. 12 tour
    - v. Event will be open to Mt. Juliet residents only. The business category has been discontinued.
- 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) was completed.
  - b. It was reported the 501c bank balance currently sits at \$21,462.03
- 8. Old business**
- a. None.
- 9. New Business**
- a. None.
- 10. Adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm. Next meeting is January 7 at 6:00 pm.**

**End of Meeting Minutes**

## **PARKS DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

**Shout out to Taylor Martinez and Justin Williams for employee of the month**

**Activity Center** – Walls are up

**Cornhole** – bags have arrived

**The Buddy Bridge** – setting up a meeting towards the end of the month

**Parks/Senior Center** – A meeting with the Atty needs to be scheduled

**RTA/Veterans Wall** – Ribbon cutting this Friday at 1pm

**Vintage Fire Truck** – Dave Roland and crew should have delivery of the firetruck any day

**Clyde the Camel** – this is on hold due to product quality concerns

**Teen Center** – Hoping to get this started by December

**New Rec Center** - Sept 26<sup>th</sup> was our last town hall meeting

**RTA Christmas Tree** – Concrete pad was poured today

**Past Events:** Ellies Pickleball Sept 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> / Safety Night Oct 10, 2024 / Pickles for Pups Oct 5 / Craft and Vendor Fair Oct 12/ Halloween in the Park Oct 19 / Diwali Festival of Lights Oct 26 / MJ Homecoming Oct 26/ We Love our City Concert Oct 11

### **Current Events:**

Daniel Baker Fundraiser Nov 6

Home for the Holidays Nov 9

Christmas in the Park Dec 2

Christmas tree lighting / Drivers Meeting @6pm – Dec 13 New tree (Get Motivated)

Christmas Parade A Musical Christmas Dec 14

### Grand Marshalls:

Float #1: Larry's, Moss', Shiloh, American Jewelry, Rices

Float #2: Sixteen Music Teachers

**New Cedar Creek Trail Head** - Gazebo, picnic table, trash can and waste station are in place

**Cedar Creek Greenway Island** – New swings have been installed

**Robinson Park** – Might have a slight delay - new blacktop going down in a few days

**Hamilton/Denson** – A bench and picnic table have been added