



# **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 5:30 PM**

**The Tom Hardin Room - 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation**
- 3. Roll Call**  
Luemma McWilliams - Chair Bedford Smith - Vice Chair Kathy Pepe - Secretary  
Loree Knowles - City Commissioner Larry Patton - Member Anna Arnold - Member  
Katrina Holt - Member
- 4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings**
  - A. Regular Session - July 8, 2026
- 5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting**
  - A. August Movie Night
  - B. September Movie Night
  - C. BBQ Festival
  - D. Haunted Trail
- 6. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable**
  - A. Parks Report
  - B. City Managers Report
- 7. New Business**  
(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)
  - A. Craft Day
  - B. Breakfast with Santa
- 8. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)**
- 9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment**



# Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 08, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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## 1. Call to Order

Mrs. Smith called the meeting to order

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mr. Smith lead the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation

## 3. Roll Call

A. Luemma McWilliams - *Chair*

Bedford Smith - *Vice Chair*

Kathy Pepe - *Secretary*

Loree Knowles - *City Commissioner*

Larry Patton - *Member*

Anna Arnold - *Member*

Katrina Holt - *Member*

Mr. Smith preformed roll call and Mrs. McWilliams and Mr. Patton were absent from this month meeting.

## 4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

A. Regular Session - Month DD, YYYY

Mr. Smith asked the commission if there were any corrections that needed to be made to the minutes from the prior months meeting and Mrs. Holt stated that under the Back to School Bash section, in the second line of the it has, he instead it should be she. In that same section the word 'to' was forgotten and in the August Movie Night section the work Movie was left out of a sentence.

Mr. Smith asked with those changes if he could get a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Knowles made the motion and Mrs. Pepe seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

## 5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Back to School Bash

Ms. Busby stated that the Back to School Bash would be on the 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10 am at the splash pad. The Utilities Department would bring the hotdogs and crayons and had made up goodie bags for the kids. The parks department would be responsible for the chips and waters. Mrs. McWilliams had one more load of supplies before the bags could be stuffed and Mrs. Knowles would be providing bags for this year's supplies. Mrs. Knowles asked about when the bags would be stuffed and Ms. Busby stated that she would get with Mrs. McWilliams about when she would have time to come do that and get back to her so she could drop off the bags. Mrs. Holt, asked for a text or email to be sent out so that she could come and help fill bags.

B. August Movie Night

Ms. Busby reviewed details about the night. August the 22<sup>nd</sup> , at Arrow Mines Park, at dark which would be around 7:30. After taking a pole on FB, Sand Lot would be the movie we played. Mr. Smith asked about vandalism to the bathrooms at Arrow Mines Park. Mrs. Grooms, stated yes there had been some vandalism to the bath rooms and that we did not have video of the event, because the power was down. Mr. Smith asked if that would affect the Movie Night Event and Mr. Grooms said it should not.

**6. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable**

A. Parks Department Report

Parks Report- Ms. Busby reviewed the Juneteenth event, it had a great turn out and a really great day for that event. The waterslide was busy, the vendors had a good day and the food trucks had really good food. Family Feud, was really fun.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, event, had a nice turn out, despite the rain. The food trucks showed up and as the night went on the people started to come out. When the rain stopped, we had a decent turn out. The kids showed up and had a large turn out for the bike parade, and you could tell some of the kids had fun decorating their bikes, they went all out. The only set back to the night was, we lost two of our new tents to the storm that popped up and will have to be replaced.

B. City Managers Report

City Manager Report- Mr. Grooms started his report with a over view of things that had been started at the center and the work is still set of a completion date in October. He stated that the sign was approved and getting ready to be installed and that the furniture had been ordered and would be delivered soon. He went on to discuss the New Parks and Recreation Director position, stating that it had been posted, the application phase close July 23<sup>rd</sup> and would start going through the applications and start interviews soon after. He then went on to state that we had hired someone to come in and stain the picnic tables at all the parks.

**7. New Business**

**(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)**

A. September Movie Night

B. BBQ Festival

Ms. Busby stated that she would start sending letters out next month for donations and chili cook off. The event will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

C. Haunted Trail

Ms. Busby reviewed the plans for September 12<sup>th</sup> – at Dark around 7:00 at Gardenia Park. Unsure what movie to watch as of now.

Mr. Grooms asked if he could add to the Gardenia Park, he stated that he was looking into the possibility of getting some parking spots there at the park. He went on to give a few details about what he would like to see happen.

**8. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)**

Non were to be had

**9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment**

Mr. Smith asked if there were any general comments, none came from the public but Mrs. Knowles told the commission that she had been accepted to Leadership Middle Tennessee. She stated that she would be required to miss some of our meetings and other that she attends to because they are required to be there for those meetings.

Mr. Smith, asked if we could get the Christmas Tree Lighting and the Christmas Parade on the same night.

Mr. Smith made the motion that we adjourn and Mrs. holt seconded that motion.