

Maryville Park and Recreation Committee Notes

July 21, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Trustee Julie Clark, Mike Spillers, Mayor Wayne White, Bob Hunter, Sharon Petty, Lori Becker, Ralph Hylton, Kathy Hall, Shellie Lee, Jeanne Pysz, Jeremy Stone

Motion was made to approve the June minutes by Shellie Lee. Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald.

Correspondence : Jessica Weissert has resigned.

Past Events : Kayak Day

153 signed up with another 40 walk ins. Everything was more spread out this year which worked much better than in the past. Everybody left happy.

Movie in the Park: There were estimated 200 people there. The obstacle course was a great draw however more than 2 people are needed to help man it. Lori Becker says we need 5 people: 2 in the front, 2 in the back and 1 on the side. Younger children were getting in there and the older kids were going over the sides to bypass the younger ones. Mike suggested we get 2 bounce houses in the future: one for the younger kids and the obstacle course for the older kids. Gateway said they could get us 2 for \$400. Mike is also buying beads for a necklace craft.

We have 2 concerts coming up: The Trilogy Band and the Dueling Pianos on August 2nd and August 16th respectively.

Mayor's Comments : Mayor Wayne White thanked all the volunteers on the committee and was glad to see Heritage Museum setting up a table at the kayaking event. He also spoke about the grants that Tonya is working on presently. She applied for the Osland Grant in which we are hoping to receive \$400,000. It would be used at Drost Park to resurface parking lots, do some overhauls on the bathrooms, fix the ADE playground, install a new boat launch along with a kayak launch. In addition, the grant would build more pickleball courts.

In addition to this, Tonya received the grant to pay for the fishing derby.

Mayor Wayne White was impressed by the number of people that came from nearby towns to attend the Moana 2 movie. Upon speaking to families he discovered people had come from Alhambra, Wood River, Collinsville and several other towns to attend it. Tonya has also applied for the MEPRD grant for \$150,000 to be used for the pavilion. We have \$70,000 in our account. The rest will come from TIFF funds. Julie Clark said we need to take the thermostat down. The bid to start the pavilion will start in August. Work may start by October. Our goal is to have it built by spring 2026. Mayor White told the committee that when we are confronted with haters about raising money for the pavilion that we should tell them we are raising money to invest in Maryville.

Trustee Comments: Julie mentioned that the MERS gazebo is overgrown and needs some work. She and Wayne had discussed options for cleaning it up. The family would be contacted first to find out if they had plans to work on it.

Julie also wondered if we were still interested in getting fountains for Drost lake. Julie found a company called Casco. Mike mentioned that the lake treatment we got for \$1272 was very effective. We are getting emergent vegetation now that the moss has been knocked down. It was decided that we stay with the treatments for now. As solar fountains improve, we can look to them in the future. Julie will research this further.

Committee Updates:

Pickleball numbers: 341

Build Maryville: Did not meet this month but they are looking into renting tents in the future in case of rain

New Business:

The frisbee golf baskets are in!!!! There was talk of having an event to kick off the Disc Golf opening. Also, kiosks are needed at Pleasant Ridge Park.

The business cards came in and were distributed.

The new security cameras at Drost Park were installed and have been effective in capturing some individuals.

Potential Projects:

Kayak dock: Already discussed

Sand volleyball: nothing new to discuss

Dog Park: Mayor White checked into our city insurance and reported that there was no deterrent in getting a dog park.

Local Events:

Maryville Museum

Farmer's Market

Adjournment: Approved by Jeanne. Seconded by Jeremy

Next Meeting: August 18th

Reports/Activities :

Future events: Kayaking Day. Sharon asked volunteers to arrive at 10:00am. She reported that reservations have started to pick up but it has been slow. New flyers have been developed and 2 more have been designed. They will be sent to all members in order to share it with the community. Sharon asked that members share it on Facebook and share it on groups within Facebook. Sharon will pick up waters and sandwiches for volunteers. We discussed workout groups that may be interested in helping in this event as a sort of workout for them. Jill suggested 557 Cross Fit. Mike indicated that he will arrive at 9:30am to ensure the trucks follow the path to the lake he has established. The Maryville city phones continue to be a problem. Messages are getting cut off. Shellie contacted the CHS Wrestling coach to get more volunteers to move kayaks.

Next Event: Moana 2 Movie: It will begin at 7:30 instead of 7 on July 19. Mike asked if anyone had any ideas for activities before the movie started. Wayne suggested an obstacle course or a bounce house. Shellie found Gateway House which has an obstacle course for \$275.00. Wayne approved the rental. Mike also mentioned that in the case of rain, we can easily reschedule because we are not paying mailing costs since the movie is downloaded from the screen.

Mayor's Comments : Wayne reiterated that to get events well attended, we might need to spend more money than in the past and that is ok with him. He does not want to do things cheaply. He also mentioned that he spoke to Anne Matthews who said the Maryville Farmer's Market is struggling. She will be attending our meeting next month to discuss ways to promote the market.

Village Administrator Tonya Flannery : On vacation

Trustees Comments : **Julie Clark** informed us that Tonya was able to get a \$1000.00 grant for the Fishing Derby and for restocking the lake. Mike told us that the lake will be getting a treatment to kill the algae in the next week or two. The dying algae can sometimes kill some fish so don't be surprised if you see dead fish in the lake.

Committee Updates :

Pickleball Reservation Numbers : 369

Build Maryville : October 16th is a date being thrown out as a possible new date for the Music Fest. This would be October 16th of 2026. Julie has to approach the Kiwanis about this. We are checking out tents to rent for the event and the committee has decided to charge individuals for the event instead of relying on sponsors. Past sponsors will get free wristbands and will be displayed for their past sponsorship.

Disc Golf : A new development has occurred where we can't obtain the actual baskets for the course. They come from Canada and Canada is holding shipments up due to the tariffs. We have no idea when they will come in.

Old Business :

Bee Hotels : They are all up. We realize since this was a boy scouts project, once they are finished, they are done with it. It is now our responsibility to maintain. The posts can not be stained because the stain would poison the bees.

Business Cards : They have ordered 250 and will probably be in for next month's meeting. They will be used to pass out at our events.

Parks and Recreation Budget: 3-4 attended the meeting. The budget will go into effect for the next budget cycle.

New Business :

Committee Calendar: It was displayed and changes were made.

Bob asked the committee if we should give out fish trophies at the Fishing Derby. Shellie thinks we can get them cheaply.

Potential Projects :

Kayak deck/kayak rental : no further progress. It was agreed that we need to get the deck installed first.

Sand Volleyball : no further progress

Dog Park : To be discussed in the future

Local Events:

Museum: Open 1st and 3rd Saturday 12-2 pm

Farmer's Market: Thursdays 5-7 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Tom Fitzgerald. Second: Jill Hartsoe. All in favor