

MURFREESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

12:00 NOON

Call to Order

Prayer and Pledge

Consider for Approval the Minutes of the September 7, 2022, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

New Business

- I. Update from Natural Resource Division
- II. Consider Performance Enhancement Camp for Patterson
- III. Consider Youth Running Experience Camp for Patterson
- IV. Consider Digitization of Miracle Field
- V. Update on Adams Tennis Complex (ATC)
- VI. Consider New Tennis Class for Youth Ages 3-5 at ATC
- VII. Consider Competition Court-Bump as Drop-in Activity at ATC
- VIII. Consider Christmas at Patterson Program
- IX. MPRD Programs/Events

Other Business

MURFREESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

12:00 NOON

MPRC Members Present: Mr. Eddie Miller, Chair
Dr. Gloria Bonner, Mr. Leroy Cunningham, Dr. Trey Duke
Mr. Tim Roediger, Vice-Chair, Mr. Bill Shacklett,
Mr. Ricky Turner, Mr. Shawn Wright, and
Mr. Don Turner, ex officio

MPRC Members Absent: None

MPRD Staff Present: Mr. Nate Williams, Director
Mr. Thomas Laird and Ms. Rachel Singer (Asst. Directors)
Mr. Bart Fite, Ms. Brittany Garrett, Ms. Kristin Hopkins,
Ms. Mitzi Hughes, Dr. Gernell Jenkins, Mr. Mark Owens,
Mr. JP Powers, Mr. Eric Quiroz, and Ms. Melinda Tate

Other(s) Present: Ms. Katie Driver, City Staff Attorney

After Mr. Eddie Miller called the meeting to order, Dr. Gloria Bonner led the commission in a prayer and in the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, the minutes of the August 3, 2022, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission were presented for approval. Mr. Leroy Cunningham made a motion to approve the minutes as read, and Dr. Bonner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Miller introduced and welcomed Mr. Bill Shacklett and Mr. Shawn Wright to the MPRC. They are filling the MPRC Council representative vacancies left by Mr. Rick LaLance and Mr. Ronnie Martin.

Mr. Nate Williams introduced Mr. Eric Quiroz, who was recently hired as the new Superintendent of the Adams Tennis Complex. Mr. Williams shared that Mr. Quiroz moved here from Eugene, Oregon, bringing a lot of tennis and management experience. Mr. Williams added that MPRD is happy to have him. Mr. Quiroz said that he was glad to be in Murfreesboro and that he and his family moved here about a month ago. He also mentioned that they have felt very welcomed by the City staff. Mr. Quiroz thinks Murfreesboro is amazing with a great infrastructure, and he is looking forward to continuing in his new work culture.

Mr. Williams pointed out that the 12-month financial report for MPRD shows the department's busiest year ever with staff continuing to expand programming, camps, and facility offerings across the board. Mr. Williams also stated he was pleased with the staff's hard work on department activities. Mr. Leroy Cunningham said that the numbers speak for themselves, and staff's work is appreciated.

Mr. Sam Huddleston, City Executive Director of Development, shared information regarding four properties. Two parcels, approximately 12 acres each, in the Puckett Creek area of town near Highway 96, were first discussed. One of the 12-acre parcels was purchased by the City in 2017, and the other, adjacent to it, was donated to the City by the developer of the Evergreen Farms Subdivision. MPRD staff intends to use the 24 acres for programming and as a passive park with natural resources for the public to enjoy.

The other two properties discussed were regarding a pending land swap deal between the City and Middle Tennessee Electric (MTE). The properties involved are in the I-840 and Veterans Parkway area where the City owns 117 acres, and MTE owns 150 acres. After discussions between the City and MTE, it has been determined that the two entities will swap properties. The 150 acres would better serve the needs of the City as some type of park development, and the 117 acres will go to MTE. A closing date for the deal is expected to be December 31, 2022, after the rezoning of both properties is finalized. The 150 acres is currently zoned for commercial use and needs to be rezoned for City uses, such as for park development and public/community use. The 117 acres needs to be rezoned to community highway/gateway overlay (same restrictions/requirements as facilities/land on Medical Center Parkway). Mr. Huddleston mentioned that a community meeting was recently held where 40-50 residents of the area were in attendance regarding property rezonings. The rezonings will go to the Planning Commission first and then to City Council, and the public may speak for or against the rezonings at either or both meetings.

Mr. Cunningham asked for a recap of what to expect after today. Mr. Huddleston stated that the rezoning requests must be approved first. Then, if both parties agree to the terms and conditions of the land swap agreement and to the closing date, which is currently expected to be December 31, 2022, MPRD can potentially take action to begin its master planning process on the 150 acres. Mr. Huddleston expects any concerted efforts for master planning for the property to start sometime after the first of the new year. He added that 3 million is designated for parks and recreation master planning in the City's general fund, and 5 million from the sale of the Murfreesboro Electric Department is in the City's community investment trust program and earmarked for park development and recreation facilities.

Mr. Bill Shacklett asked if there were ideas regarding what amenities might be included on the 150 acres once the City has ownership. Mr. Williams said that City staff should be careful to not get ahead of themselves and that no programming has been discussed to this point. Mr. Shacklett also asked if there would be more public hearings. Mr. Williams explained that the City will engage the community for feedback once the City staff gets the rezoning in place and begins to make preliminary/conceptual plans. He expects there will be open space and maybe a pavilion or two. Mr. Williams also said he would invite Mr. Huddleston to come back and help share a broader picture of the 150 acres once that

is determined. Mr. Huddleston stated that the property would be a suitable place for a passive park, but not for a regulated athletic facility.

Mr. JP Powers, with the Siegel Soccer Park, presented for approval a turf fee schedule for the indoor soccer facility to begin this year upon completion of the facility. He mentioned that MPRD staff compared fees of somewhat similar indoor soccer facilities nationwide, locally and with private agencies and took the base fee of the hourly rentals for the Siegel Soccer Park outdoor turf fields and marked that up 25%, since the indoor facility is going to be a premium facility. A team rental fee will be assessed at the indoor facility but not for the outside fields. Mr. Cunningham asked if staff checked any local fees that might be comparable. Mr. Powers said staff could not find anything comparable in the area. Mr. Shacklett additionally mentioned that clarification was needed regarding when the fees would be in effect. Mr. Williams said staff can indicate that the indoor facility fees will start in 2022 and that fees can be adjusted as needed. Staff will bring any fee changes back to the commission for consideration. Dr. Duke asked if a Murfreesboro resident discount had been discussed. Mr. Williams said that staff tries to discount, when possible, but this will be a premium facility with premium prices. Also, Mr. Williams explained that a big factor here is that the local taxbase is not expected to use the facility as much as noncity residents, so an issue should not arise about the absence of a city resident discount.

Mr. Williams further shared that the Siegel Indoor Facility is about a month from completion and that half the lights have been installed. Mr. Miller asked if there were a motion to approve the fees for the indoor soccer facility. Dr. Bonner made a motion to approve the fees as presented. Mr. Cunningham seconded, and motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Priscilla Murray, MPRD Program Coordinator, described her proposed Pamper Yourself Spa Day program scheduled November 7-10, 2022, at McFadden Community Center for youth, ages 5-15, to celebrate National Spa Week. The participants will have the opportunity to receive manicures, pedicures, facials, and time to relax. The fee requested for the program is \$15 for registration with a \$10 activity fee, and the department's financial assistance policy will be in effect for city residents who qualify. Dr. Bonner made a motion to approve the program, and Mr. Ricky Turner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Laird complimented Ms. Murray and her programming, adding that she always helps the kids experience activities/trips that they may not have gotten to do otherwise, including taking a group of kids to Dollywood recently.

Mr. Mark Owens, St. Clair Senior Center Superintendent, provided the commission with the Senior Center's 2021-2022 Annual Report and said to let him know if they have any questions on anything in the report. He added that some seniors who frequent the St. Clair Senior Center were responsible for painting the mural which is shown in the report. Mr. Laird was pleased to announce that the participant numbers at the St. Clair Senior

Center have increased pre-Covid numbers more than at any other senior center in the state.

Mr. Bart Fite, McKnight Park/Sports Com Superintendent, announced that the summer programs and camps went well, with Boro Beach opening for the summer season on May 28th. The pool season was a success, even though there was a lifeguard shortage. He added that Sports Com is now offering lifeguard training year-round so more people can get certified and become eligible to work. Mr. Fite also said that Mr. Kenneth Honeycutt kept the Boro Beach concessions stand running smoothly all summer. The very popular annual camps at Sports Com were Sports Camp, Guard Start Camp, Babysitting Camp, Cheer Camp, and Volleyball Camp. Mr. Fite further mentioned that Tot Time for young children and their mom or dad was held for two weeks after Boro Beach closed so the young kids could enjoy the zero-depth area of Boro Beach without the summer crowds. Also occurring over the summer was the renovation to the front entrance of Sports Com for the purpose of making it handicapped accessible. Mr. Fite said that the first-time Greenway Scavenger Hunt was offered by Ms. Allison Davidson (with 150 participants); a cornhole tournament was held in the gym (with the #1 cornhole champion in the nation competing); the third annual Bacon Festival is coming up September 10th; the Miracle League All-Star Games are set in mid-September; and a Fall Festival will be on October 22nd. Mr. Fite additionally shared that the organizer of the cornhole tournament was also an NBA motivational speaker for teams before games, which Mr. Fite thought was very interesting. Lastly, Mr. Fite mentioned that Sports Com is also still offering all of its regular programs and activities, which are all very well attended.

Mr. Laird commented that although there has been a nationwide lifeguard shortage, Mr. Fite and his staff were able to retain the young lifeguards they had by making the environment fun for them where they made friends with the other staff and wanted to keep coming to work.

Mr. Williams asked Mr. Laird to explain the seating situation for the National Miracle League All-Star weekend of September 16-17, 2022. Mr. Laird said that there will not be much seating available by the Miracle Field due to families coming with their athletes; however, the community is encouraged to watch the six games live stream on Channel 3 or through a link that will be available on all MPRD Facebook pages starting at 9:00 a.m. on September 17th. Ms. Tate asked if the weekend would consist of games or a tournament. Mr. Laird said it would be games and explained that there are 300 Miracle League teams in the United States with 120 players chosen to participate in the National Miracle League All-Star weekend games. He added that one of the six games will be competitive with an umpire and outs. The other five games will be like a typical Saturday where all players will get the opportunity to participate on a noncompetitive level.

Ms. Tate announced upcoming programs/activities as follows: Outdoor Yoga is being offered on Saturdays in September at Patterson Park from 9:00-10:00 a.m., with Tai Chi on September 10th. She then indicated on her power point presentation the link to use

for those who want to watch the Miracle League All-Star Games on their computers or phones. Also coming up that same weekend will be the St. Clair Street Senior Center's annual craft sale, with lots of fun planned and homemade crafts to purchase. The event is free to attend and set for 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on September 16th and 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on September 17th.

Other events/activities coming up, as announced by Ms. Tate, will be the Greenway Art Festival, with 70 booths expected, food trucks and music, on September 17th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Old Fort Park along the trail near Kids' Castle. The City Closed Tennis Tournament is set for September 23-25, 2022, at the Adams Tennis Complex, with three divisions available: Adults, Youth, and Wheelchair. Registration is online and will end on September 19th. It will be \$25 per event. MPRD's Youth Basketball registration will begin October 1st with online registration and in-person signups at Patterson, Sports Com, McFadden, and the main MPRD Office during regular operating hours. Patterson's first Indoor Team Triathlon (with a 500-meter swim, 12-mile stationary bike ride, and a 3-mile run on the indoor track) will also be on October 1st from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Each team will have two to three participants. Further, October 1st will be the day for the very popular and annual Puppy Plunge at Sports Com's Boro Beach. The St. Clair Senior Center will have a Health Expo on October 6th from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon with lots of health information and several health screenings. Flu shots will be available until the supply runs out. The last Middle Half Marathon will be on October 8th, with the race starting at 7:00 a.m. Registration is being taken online with a maximum of 1,500 participants. Additional October events/activities will be the McFadden Fall Festival, Frightensburgh, Barfield Halloween Bash, Old Scream Road, Harvest Days at Cannonsburgh, MIPP Plant Sale at Barfield Crescent Park's Wilderness Station, and Spooky Splash and Fall Festival at Patterson. Ms. Tate added that MPRD staff will be running the Murfreesboro Christmas Parade in December. Those interested may sign up online. She then reminded everyone that more information on all MPRD programs and activities can be found on the City's website under Parks and Recreation. A calendar is also available indicating what is offered on each day of a month. Information can also be found on the many MPRD Facebook pages.

Mr. Miller said that there is always lots going on with MPRD. He thanked the MPRD staff for the many activities and opportunities available to the community. Being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned: 1:22 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

Eddie Miller, MPRC Chair

Nate Williams, MPRD Director



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For Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission:

RE: Natural Resource Division: Division Update

As an item for the agenda of November 2, 2022, the Parks Natural Resource Manager would like to provide an update on the activities and accomplishments of the Natural Resource Division.

Background

The Natural Resource Division has been in existence for five years. Current leadership has been present for four years. Since the development of the division, many initiatives have been put in place and many programs established. The Natural Resource Manager would like to present to commission a brief update on accomplishments, current programs and partnerships, highlight work being done in a specific natural area, and share volunteer statistics.

Kristin Hopkins
Natural Resource Manager



October 21, 2022

For Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission:

RE: Performance Enhancement Camp

As an item for the MPRC agenda of November 2, 2022, it is recommended that the Commission approve a Performance Enhancement Camp for the Summer of 2023.

Background

This program is designed to teach youth athletes the proper form for deadlifts, squats, and bench presses, along with accessory lifts in order to improve athletic performance. Athletes will also learn concepts of program design and be introduced to speed and agility training. The program will be held June 12-16, 2023, for three hours each day. Youth ages 12-17 will be able to participate. The program will take place at Patterson Park Community Center.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed registration fee for the camp will be \$50 with a \$10 activity fee for a total of \$60.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the commission approve the program and its associated costs.

Chad Hill
Program Coordinator



October 24, 2022

For Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission:

RE: Youth Running Experience Camp

As an item for the agenda of November 2, 2022, it is recommended that the Commission approve a Youth Running Camp for the Summer of 2023.

Background

The program will teach the youth runner the latest running skills, training and tips that will inspire them to prepare for longer distance running. They will also gain confidence and the knowledge to get focused to take on distance running as a sport through proper warmup, by not starting too fast and by learning how to breathe correctly. Discussions of Interval Training will also provide them the tools on how to race, eat and recover better. The distance covered will be one to three miles. The camp is planned for June 5 - 9, 2023, and will take place at various Greenway Trailheads.

Fiscal Impact

The cost of this program will be \$25 plus a \$10.00 activity fee for a total of \$35.00.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the commission approve the program and its associated costs.

Roger Brady
Recreation Program Instructor



November 2, 2022

For Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission:

RE: Digitization of Miracle Field

As an item for the agenda of the implementation of the project Digitize Miracle Field, it is recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the attached project proposal, effective upon the completion of reaching a cooperative agreement between Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department (MPRD).

Background

The goal of digitizing Miracle Field is to promote the City's mission statement of providing a safe, progressive, and healthy community for its citizens to ensure the highest possible quality of life by creating an accessible and educational online experience for City of Murfreesboro patrons, MTSU students, and potential visitors of Miracle Field through virtual reality (VR).

Fiscal Impact

This project will provide new value to the City of Murfreesboro and facility by expanding our footprint in the metaverse and by strengthening the relationship between MPRD and MTSU's Health and Human Performance (HHP) and Media Arts (MA) Departments.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the commission approve this project, to be implemented upon completion of the cooperative agreement between MTSU and MPRD.

Attachment

Digitize Miracle Field

Sam Stolze, Ph.D.
Assistant Program Coordinator, Athletics

DIGITIZE MIRACLE FIELD



**Project Managers:
Danielle Lauber, Ph.D.
Sam Stolze, Ph.D.**

Welcome to Project: Digitize Miracle Field!

Thank you for taking the time to consider the digitization of Miracle Field. Below you will find an overview of the project followed by specific details and a proposed timeline.

Who? This project is a collaborative effort between Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation and Middle Tennessee State University's (MTSU) Leisure & Sports Management (LSM) Program and the Department of Media Arts to enhance student learning outcomes. Upper division level students will be leading the digitization process with oversight by their major professor.

What? The goal of this project is to create an accessible and educational online experience for City of Murfreesboro patrons, MTSU students, and potential visitors of Miracle Field by using virtual reality (VR). Photogrammetry and 360° videos and photos will be used in completing the digitization process.

When? The time is now. The use of VR became increasingly popular during the COVID-19 pandemic with an estimated 50.2 million users in the United States. Virtual reality is currently being used in classrooms, military training, and forms of therapy. Our mission is to capitalize on this progress and digitize Miracle Field in Spring/Summer 2023.

Where? Miracle Field of Murfreesboro, of course!

Why? With the digitization of Miracle Field, City of Murfreesboro patrons and MTSU students will be able to interact with portions of the adaptive playground equipment and baseball field while learning about adaptive sports and recreation.

How? This project will be entirely grant funded by the Experiential Learning Instructor Grant secured by Dr. Danielle Lauber. With a push for adaptive and inclusive recreation through virtual and augmented reality, the potential for additional grant(s) and the expansion of this project is being explored.

Project Managers

Danielle Lauber, Ph.D. – MTSU Department of Health and Human Performance
Sam Stolze, Ph.D. – Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation

Partners

Richard Lewis, Ph.D. – MTSU Department of Media Arts
Rodrigo Gomez, Ph.D. – MTSU Department of Media Arts

Proposed Area

Orange grid: 360° photos and videos will be used to allow participants to explore the space while a scripted voiceover will educate them on adaptive turf, accessible dugouts, and the Miracle League.

Yellow grid: Photogrammetry along with 360° videos and photos will be used to create an immersive VR experience where participants can move through the space while interacting with specific playground equipment (e.g., the zipline, swings, and musical equipment). As with the ball field, there will be an educational voiceover on adaptive equipment paired with certain areas of the playground.



*The dirt field will not be included in the digitization process.

Proposed Agreement

- Co-ownership of the media
 - The City of Murfreesboro will be able to post the media on the website and use the VR program for future programming if that time comes.
 - MTSU's Leisure and Sport Management (LSM) students will have access to the finalized VR program for online learning and program planning.
 - The MTSU's Media Art students who worked on the project will have access to the finalized VR program to be used in their portfolio.

- Neither the City of Murfreesboro nor MTSU are eligible to receive a profit from this project. This project is to be solely used for educational, adaptive recreation, and marketing purposes.

- The media and project process are eligible for research and publication by Dr. Lauber, Dr. Stolze, Dr. Lewis, and Dr. Gomez.

- The project is currently entirely grant funded.

Proposed Timeline

November 2022: Complete approval process with the City of Murfreesboro

January 2023: Select upper-division Media Art students for digitization process

March-April 2023: Collect digit media

June 2023: Complete media cleaning and finalize production



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October 28, 2022

For Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission:

RE: New Tennis Class for Ages 3-5

Background

The Adams Tennis Complex has a rich history of offering advanced level tennis instruction and is interested in expanding to offer grassroots or recreational level youth classes. Providing entry level programs to a younger demographic exposes new families to the tennis community and its offerings. The 45-minute class will be offered to preschoolers ages 3-5.

Fiscal Impact

Participants will be charged \$7.50 for the 45-minute class. This fee is consistent with a standard rate of \$10/hour.

Recommendation

Approve Tennis Class for Youth ages 3 – 5.

Attachments

None

Respectfully,

Eric Quiroz
Superintendent of Sports-Tennis



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October 28, 2022

For Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission:

**RE: New Program and Fee Proposal at Adams Tennis Complex (ATC) –
Competition Court-Bump**

Background

We are working to create drop-in activities open to players looking for some tennis competition. Having an easy access place to drop in and pick up some tennis points in a competitive situation will help participants find people to play without having to be well-connected or organized. Pickup points are a great way for people to get together in large groups and play lots of tennis with very few barriers. The program will be organized by the ATC and open to adults and advanced juniors.

Having a very spontaneous and accessible program such as Competition Court-Bump is a very welcoming way for almost any adult and advanced junior to get some competitive points played and play in a social and open context. This will allow for people to readily play tennis with almost no organization required on their part.

Fiscal Impact

Participation will be free to members and \$10/hr. for nonmembers.

Recommendation

Approve the Competition Court-Bump and associated fees.

Respectfully,

Eric Quiroz
Superintendent of Sports-Tennis



October 25, 2022

For Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Commission:

RE: Christmas at Patterson

As an item for the agenda of November 2, 2022, it is recommended that you approve the new program, Christmas at Patterson.

Background

This new community-minded program will be in partnership with Tennessee Valley Winds and will take place in the Washington Theatre and the Patterson Park lobby. Santa's sleigh will be displayed in the Patterson lobby after the Christmas parade on the Sunday before the program. Santa will be available for families to take pictures with on their own phones or cameras; other decorated Christmas-themed photo ops will be available; and there will be a Santa letter station, complete with a mailbox, etc. A free concert will also take place with the Tennessee Valley Winds playing Christmas-themed music and Perform Murfreesboro members singing classic carols. The program is planned for mid-December; however, the specific date and time slot for the program have not been finalized.

Fiscal Impact

Christmas at Patterson will be free for the community to attend.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the commission approve this new program for Cultural Arts.

Susan M Hicks
Cultural Arts Supervisor