



AGENDA SUMMARY

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
Creekmore Community Center

Approval of the minutes from May 11 meeting.

Billy Bob Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Lorie Robertson and unanimously approved.

1. Review Creekmore Miniature Golf business proposals
Chris Raible made a motion to recommend Heather Mendez to the Board of Directors to lease and operate the miniature golf course and concession. The motion was seconded by Sherry Toliver and unanimously approved.
2. Review names submitted for MLK Softball Field
After much discussion of the names submitted Madeline Marquette made a motion to approve Buzz Wood – Grizzly Field for naming of the softball field at MLK Park. The motion was seconded by Sherry Toliver. The motion passed with four in favor Lorie Robertson, Madeline Marquette, Sherry Toliver and Bryan Merry; and three opposed Casey Millspaugh, Billy Bob Williams and Chris Raible. The name will now be advertised in the paper for public comment and the Park Commission will review the comments at their July meeting and make a final recommendation to the Board of Directors.
3. Project Updates
Doug Reinert noted that the steps at Creekmore Pool have been resurfaced. The tennis court resurfacing project is nearing completion. The miniature golf work day with Pernod Ricard will be June 2. Jeff Dingman noted that the sale of the Belle Grove Center is complete and those funds are available to be appropriated.
4. Public Comments
Drew Linder was present and asked the Park Commission to consider renaming the Greg Smith Riverwalk the Greg Smith River Trail. He noted that all of the trails are multi-use and the name riverwalk does not encompass that image. Lorie Robertson made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors that the name of the Greg Smith Riverwalk be changed to the Greg Smith River Trail. The motion was seconded by Chris Raible and approved with six in favor and one opposed Bryan Merry.
5. Commission & Staff Comments
Lorie Robertson noted vandalism that has taken place at the McClure Amphitheater and asked the Park Commission to step up and be on the lookout to help protect park property and amenities.

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