



**Farmersville City Amenities Board
Minutes For
January 4th, 2018**

Suzie Grusendorf, John Young, Glenn Bagwell, Miranda Martin, Cathy Strong, and Charlotte Holloway were all present for the meeting. Also present was City Manager Ben White, Council Liaison Mayor Diane Piwko, and Paula Jackson as staff liaison.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to by Miranda Martin at 4:20

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the December 7th, 2017 meeting minutes.

- Motion made by: Miranda Martin
- Second made by: Charlotte Holloway
- Motion Carried all in favor
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III. MICHAEL KINARD with the Corp of Engineers

Michael Kinard came to the Board just to give information on the Caddo Park. It has been closed 7 years and it will take 2 to 3 years to get it open again. The Parks were hit hard with the floods of 2015 and tornados 2 years ago. The big issues at this time is Water. The Corp of Engineers now have a contract with the City of Farmersville to get a water line to the entrance to the Park, but that is about 1 year out. The Asphalt, restrooms and any out building will need to be redone.

Things about Caddo Park: it is day use only, 2 ponds, boat ramp to the lake, picnic area, ADA fishing dock, 2 restrooms, a walking trail and a concrete pad for a park host.

Miranda Martin ask if it would be possible for the Amenities Board to take a tour of the facilities. Michael says he would check on it.

IV. UPDATE ON THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Dorothy (Woody) Wright was not at the meeting to give a report. Cathy Strong stated all is well at the Center.

V. UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY/CIVIC CENTER

The Library is still going through their remodel and just learned the carpet is delayed, so this will push the reopen to the middle of March.

Funding: Ben stated there are no extra funding this year, but next year will need to in for computer use funding. It was mentioned the Commissioners Court didn't feel it was their place to support libraries.

Miranda Martin ask how many computers are in use now. Trisha replied they have 9 Public computers.

The Mayor and Council have gone to the Commissioners and ask for funding, it would be good for the Amenities Board to write letters. If the funding doesn't come through it may come down to the library charging for the county people to use the library.

The Civic Center is being leveled and the flooring will be replaced.

VI. UPDATE ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION

A. Ben White gave an update the new Park Equipment. 4B approved Oceanside, Serpent Pod Climber and the 3 Panel Cyclone Challenger. Miranda Martin and John Young attended the 4B meeting and was ever excited 4B also wanted the board to look into some type of sit and spin or marry - go – round. Ben White will get to Miranda Martin and come up with the option for the Sit and Spins. Ben also brought to the meeting samples of rubber mulch and a sample of the wood fiber we currently use. The Rubber mulch is very costly and wood fiber is cost effective.

Ben also stated the 4B ask him to get the cost to replace all the plastic parts not just the slide. He will get the information for them. 4B would also like to see a new swing set at Ramblers Park.

B. Music in the park, Miranda spoke up and said she word like to have more types of music. The Board review the dates on the calendars. The dates will be: June 1, 2018, July 6, 2018 and August 3, 2018.

- Motion made by: Suzie Grusendorf
- Second made by: Miranda Martin
- Motion Carried all in favor

C. Statue for the Splash Pad at Ramblers: Melissa Grabowski spoke to the board and on behalf of Layla. This little girl was a student of Ms. Grabowski's Head Start Class. Layla was diagnosed to DIPG which is a Brain Tumor that effects walking, talking and swallowing. She passed away May 17th 2017. She loved playing at the Splash Pad so Melissa and others in the community raised money to pay for the statue and they have requested that it be placed at Ramblers Park at the Splash Pad. There will be a dedication ceremony on February 17th, 2018 which is Layla's Birthday.

VII. UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER BEN WHITE

Ben White report:

Ben reported on the following:

- JW Spain Athletic Complex improvements status.
- Downtown – repainting of the gazebo and the
- Civic Center/Library/Senior Center – Several projects approved for improvements, Senior Center parking lot and lighting, the Library floor damage due to mold. The Library to be closed for about 2 months.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF PLACING ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDA

- Music in the park for the summer program
- Update 4B meeting on Playground Equipment
- Update on dedication for Layla's Statue

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM

- Motion made by John Young
- Second by Suzie Grusendorf
- Motion passed all in favor

ATTEST:

APPROVE:


Paula Jackson, Assist to the City Manager


~~Glenn Bagwell-Chairman~~
Miranda Martin (MSB)