

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
AUGUST 22, 2023 MEETING - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Trammell called the Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, in the Destin City Hall Annex Chambers *with the Pledge of Allegiance* immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Sandy Trammell	Isaac Birch	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
Nikki Johnson	L'Rena Anderson	Lisa Firth Recreation Director
Daniella Piper		Ryan Reed Dep. Recreation Director
Leslie Schmidt		Michael Baird Parks & Rec Supervisor
Lisa Mason		Joe Bodi Engineering Asst. II

3. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Motion to change the order of the day to move the Mobility Plan up ahead of the Lamar Advertising presentation and adding the duck pond on Kelly Avenue under Committee member Schmidt's name was made by Committee member Piper, with committee member Johnson providing the second. Motion passed 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4/25/2023 & 7/25/2023

Motion to approve both the April 25, 2023 and the July 25, 2023 was made by Committee member Johnson with Committee member Piper providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Pickleball**

Mr. Reed explained City Council has been discussing how they want pickleball courts and they have had discussions on where they should be installed.

The Grants & Projects Manager, Mr. Cozadd explained that the city has had an approved design for tennis courts that were never funded that staff was able to use for the design and updated it with pickleball courts as well as additional improvements to the parking lot, adding restrooms, lighting and survey work. He did explain however, that the

restrooms and lighting would most likely be part of Phase II design but would be stubbed in as part of Phase I. Additionally, Council discussed the need to have at least two of the courts covered so not to be so hot for those that want to play during the day. Currently, \$400k has been set aside and would most likely be carried over to the FY-24 budget.

Chairwoman Trammell suggested because of the cost, she recommends just two courts be initially planned with the restrooms, since restrooms are needed the most. Especially since there is already three courts available at the Community Center and two outside ones at Buck Destin Park.

Committee member Piper questioned if restrooms were a State requirement for the park. According to Mrs. Firth, there are not and reminded the members that the restrooms at the Annex are available for the public use.

Committee member Johnson spoke in favor of the plan, prefers this location between the Annex and Public Works, and feels the committee should support it.

Motion by Committee member Piper, seconded by Chairwoman Trammell to support the pickleball concept design and add basketball courts to the plan. In discussion, Committee member Piper spoke of wanting to have basketball courts included as well. According to Mr. Cozadd, the total sports facility concept would have those and other possibilities but would not necessarily be part of the first phase of construction and could be included in the design as a whole. **With no further discussion, the Chair called the vote and the motion passed 5-0.**

➤ **Mobility Plan – Engineering Assistant II, Joe Bodi**

Mr. Bodi provided the members with a presentation of the Mobility Plan and explained as new development comes in, they provide an impact to the city's infrastructure. Typically, that impact is taken by as an impact fees to Police Impacts, a Road Impacts, Park Impacts and Library Impact fees, those are all impacts created as new development comes into the city, whether it be single family, multi-family or commercial. He further explained the mobility plan is going to take the place of the Transportation Impact fee which will be easier for residents and developers since everyone will know exactly what that fee is going to be for. Staff is asking for their help to set City Council's their priorities and asked the members to set their top 14 priorities. Staff will combine them into the top ones and determine their cost and break them down into unit prices. That way, when people come in with reconstruction, rebuilds or new facilities; whether it be single family, multifamily, or commercial, they will be able to give their proportionate fair share of their impact from those projects. He provided the members a list of priorities and explained that if there is something not on the list they would like to have, to add it on their sheet and staff will look to see if it

can be added. After staff compiles the list from high, medium and low priorities for short to long term range, they will then be able to determine what the fees will be.

➤ **Lamar Advertising – Steven Sanford**

Mr. Sanford of Lamar Advertising stated that because they changed their agenda, they will not be able to present to them since they have another meeting with Walton County that they have to leave for but they can reschedule for their next meeting, if necessary.

6. MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS:

➤ **Committee member Schimdt** - Asked if anyone had heard of any complaints from citizen regarding the white ducks. The members discussed the different types of fowl that have been in the pond throughout the years and the signs that are up to discourage people from feeding them bread or crackers. Committee member Piper suggested someone go to the elementary school and educate them about the dangers to the birds and the environment when feeding bread.

➤ **Committee member Piper** - Questioned the grounds and cracks in tennis courts at Buck Destin Park and if there are plans for them. Mrs. Firth explained that staff is aware of the cracks and as soon as the new sewer lines are installed for the restrooms, they will have the courts resurfaced.

➤ **Chairwoman Trammell** – Informed staff that she has 7-foot pilings that she would be glad to donate to the city that they can come over and pick up.

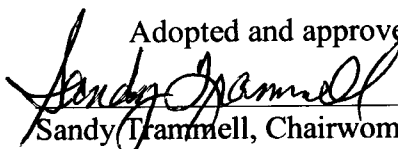
Staff informed the members of the upcoming events for the Holiday Season and discussed the process of signing up little kids for soccer.

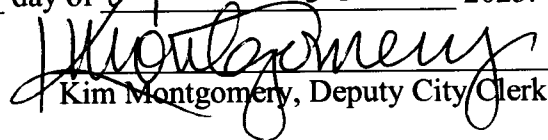
➤ **Next Meeting September 26, 2023**

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Adopted and approved this 26th day of September 2023.


Sandy Trammell, Chairwoman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk