

Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

28 March 2018

Members present: Terry Arnold, Philip Busby, Dee Woodham, H.G. McGaughy, Nisa Miranda, Christi Muehlbauer, Gary Muehlbauer, Robert Miller

Members absent: Ashley Robinett, Cameron Vowell, Maurice Valentine, Blake Ray, Travis Reed, Dan Ruth, Sue Wilder-White, Butch Ellis, Susan Fulmer

Ex-officio present: Mayor Hollie Cost, Mary Ellen Heuton (phone, representing John Stewart), Alex Dudcock

Ex-officio absent: Tom Walker, Eldon Woodie

Others present: Melinda Nix, Rusty Nix, John Nix, Bill Glosson, Marty Everse, Sherry Vallides

1. General Board Issues and Financial Report

The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

The current bank balance is \$84,000

Annual application for D&O insurance was submitted.

A motion was made and passed to pay \$225 for tax preparation consisting of a file 990.

Trustmark Bank's interest rate has not been competitive, but they have agreed to increase the rate to 1.41%. The Board discussed other options and agreed to leave the funds at Trustmark at the newly raised rate.

New members were voted onto the board and some existing member have rolled off the board. Butch Ellis, Cristie Muehlbauer, Blake Ray, Travis Reed, Ashley Robinett, and Maurice Valentine and Quincy Whitehead (Ex-officio) are rolling off the board. Thank you for your participation and contributions! The following people have been nominated to the board: Susan Fulmer (roll-over to new term), John Nix, Mike Hardig, Cheryl Patton, Marty Everse, Bill Glosson, Carey Heatherly. Ex-officio: Eldon Woodie. A motion was made and passed to appoint the new board members. Welcome!

A motion was made and passed to keep the current slate of officers: Dee Woodham- Chair & President, Susan Fulmer-Treasurer and Rob Miller- Secretary.

Dee asked for volunteers for a nominating committee.

2. Trailhead/bathroom/pavilion facility

The Trailhead/bathroom/pavilion facility was sent out for construction bid. The lowest bid was \$260K. The city decided to pull the bid and re-bid the project when construction is slower. The re-bid has been posted and we should know more soon. The re-posted bid was modified to itemize work and consider alternate materials that would lower the overall cost. The bid rule restrictions limit how much the county could help, which limits how much county assistance could help reduce the labor costs.

3. Grand opening of the Park

We need to start planning for the grand opening of the park. The plan is to have the grand opening once the pavilion is complete. Dee reported that the Montevallo Park Board will plan this event, but they need volunteers. Hollie, Philip and Dee volunteered to help.

4. Event Committee - Chair: Mary Ellen, Sue, A.V. representative Mike Jones.

No action, waiting for grand opening.

5. Tree (formerly cattle) Committee - Terry, Blake, Philip, with help from Richard Anderson, Glenn McLean, Mike Hardig and Cheryl Patton.

Mike Hardig has put together a “natural succession plan” for the park. This plan would divide the property into units for controlling plant species and restoration of the land back into woodland. Balance between the Master plan and the land transition plan would need to be taken into consideration. Board members will review Mike’s natural succession plan for the purposes of future discussion and vote at the next meeting.

6. House Committee- Chair: Gary M., Terry, Philip

The house committee will be taking over some of the work that Dee has been performing. The house committee will work to recommend a course of action for the SCPF board. Any recommendation from the SCPF board will then go to the Montevallo City Council.

7. Future Projects:

A recommendation was made to investigate having Shoal Creek Park included on the Appalachian birding trail.

Terry Arnold has provided a list of names for formulating the Friends of Shoal Creek park list. Between now and the next meeting the board and Terry will be working on organizing this list for use in sending out information and notification of volunteer events. Involving more people in care of the park will help promote a feeling of ownership for Shoal Creek Park in the community.

Cheryl Patton will be working on a website and/or facebook page for Shoal Creek Park. Cheryl has expressed interest in performing social media work for promoting the park.

Terry Arnold has proposed planting flowers at Shoal Creek Park near the location of where the hay barn was before it was removed. This would require tilling/cultivating the ground in that area for planting. A suggestion was made to contact the local county agent to get the Master Gardeners club involved. It was also recommended that Kim Joiner of the soil and water conservation agency could be of assistance.

It has been determined that based on the preliminary results of the flood plain study that a bridge can be placed at the northern most part of the property without FEMA consideration and building

requirements. The bridge may be a good candidate for a seeking a grant. It was recommended that we should consider a 60 foot bridge span with an observation post midspan for the waterfall that is present there. ADA requirements may need to be taken into consideration if a grant is sought out for building the bridge. Alex suggested a pre-engineered bridge from Steadfast. Philip Busby volunteered to look into the cost of bridges.

The next meeting will be June 27th, 2018 at 1:00 at City Hall.