

Harrodsburg Mercer County Tourist Commission

Special Called Meeting Minutes- August 19, 2026 (12 pm)

Board Members Present: Tim Kazimer, Nikki Elliot, Jay Anderson, Kristen Flick, Stacey Maynard, Leigh Lopez, John Holiday, Daarik Gray (Executive Director), Kaitlyn Harder (Assistant Director), Chase Blain (Anderson Dean Park Operations Director), Sadie Peavler (Intern)

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Nikki Elliot at 12:10 pm.

Visitors: ??

Erica, representing Friends of Anderson Dean Park, provided an update to the Anderson Dean Park Board and the Tourist Commission Board regarding the organization's recent and upcoming projects.

- Friends of Anderson Dean Park recently replaced two gazebos along the walking trail and partnered with the library to install the “Tales on the Trail” project. The organization is also planning to plant trees along the walking trail.
- Friends of Anderson Dean Park was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Lowe's to renovate the soccer building. Erica noted that the grant was highly competitive and that the organization was very excited to receive it.

The Park Board asked the Commission Board whether it was agreeable to spending funds on a new HVAC system. Jay Anderson and the other Board members agreed that the Park Board has the authority to use its funds as it sees fit until the October 1 transition.

Stephen discussed the possibility of installing new lighting throughout the park. He estimated that replacing the lighting for all of the fields could cost approximately \$400,000–\$500,000. He also discussed addressing drainage issues on the baseball fields.

Daarik asked the Commission Board if they had any questions or comments for the park board.

Jay asked whether there was still a pool pump that needed to be purchased. Stephen explained that the pump is needed as a replacement for the current pump when it fails. The replacement could take anywhere from two weeks to two months to obtain.

Jay discussed replacing the sand in the sand volleyball courts, Stephen said that new sand should last 5-6 years.

Jay asked about replacing the sprinkler heads. Daarik recommended waiting until after soccer season to complete the project. The cost of that could be up to \$37,000.

Chase asked about credentials for social media, and the security system.

- Sarah made a motion to provide Chase with the logins for social media accounts and the security system to Chase, Daarik seconded.

Jay asked who occupies the space that was previously used as the original park office and Stephen said that it was just storage. He noted that the original office includes a kitchen and a bathroom with a shower.

Chase asked about the park's event calendar and Stephen explained that the park currently uses a paper book to track events. He also stated that the park used to add their events to the Chamber of Commerce calendar but did not do so this year.

Chase asked about the software used for local teams and registration. Stephen said that the park uses a website called TeamSideline.

John asked if there was anything that might need to be mentioned to have a smooth transition, Daarik answered that there were some outstanding audits but the park board would take care of them.

Tim asked about any current or pending litigation, Sarah answered that everything is currently clear.

Daarik asked about the park's utility accounts, the park board agreed that the utility accounts will be transferred to the Mercer County Tourist Commission on October 1st.

Daarik asked the Board how pricing and bookings should be handled following the October 1 transition. Leigh recommended honoring existing reservations at the pricing that was in place when the reservation was made. Jay added that the Commission should continue using the previous pricing through January 1 to provide for a cleaner transition.

Chase asked about a weather monitoring system. The board confirmed that there is a weather system on top of the Astemo shelter.

Chase asked whether the park has emergency action plans, manuals, or written procedures. Stephen stated that there are currently none.

Jay asked about the wheelchair swings at Kendyl and Friends. Stephen said that he had already removed the swings and was waiting for Kendyl and Friends Director, Crimson, to provide contact information for the playground company so that new equipment could be installed in that location.

Jay made a motion to adjourn, with a second by John. Meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.