Harrodsburg Mercer County Tourist Commission

Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2026 - 9:00am

Board Members Present: Tim Kazimer, Nikki Elliot, Jay Anderson, Leigh Lopez, John Holiday, Daarik Gray (Executive Director), Kaitlyn Harder (Assistant Director), Chase Blain (Anderson Dean Park Operations Director), Evan Teague (Maintenance Director)

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Nikki Elliot at 9:02am

Tim makes a motion to approve August 19th special called meeting minutes, second by John, passes unanimously.

Tim makes a motion to approve August 19th special called meeting minutes, second by Jay, passes unanimously.

Tim makes a motion to approve August 21st special called meeting minutes, second by Leigh, passes unanimously.

Leigh makes a motion to approve financials, second by Tim, passes unanimously.

- Chase discusses his first couple of weeks. Getting to know different organizations and getting settled. First thing working on; getting all rentals and league schedules organized. Last tournament November 7 & 8. New garbage cans to help improve aesthetics. Working with head coach Kasey McCray in taking the little league basketball over and organizing it - registration would run through us. Jay asks if we require outside groups coming in to have liability insurance, Chase and Daarik say yes. Jay asks about rentals for shelters, Chase explains we require them to sign a waiver.
- Evan discusses his first day(yesterday) and expresses excitement to get the ball rolling and put work into the park. Ready to find a team that is like-minded to knock a lot of the work out. Get the park to where he knows it can be. Met with friends of the park yesterday.
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John makes a motion to open credit card under park account, 2nd by Leigh, Passes Unanimously

Mowing contract at park, currently a verbal contract for mowing and tree removal with Jared Cocanugher. Discuss approaching him with another verbal contact. Jay mentions to have a written agreement from October 2026 - end of Dec 2027. Daarik will work out the agreement with him, and will include Chase and Evan in that discussion. Jay makes the motion, Tim seconds, Passes Unanimously.

Vescio to convert 2 baseball fields into synthetic turf

- Jay makes a motion to accept Vescio's bid to turf two fields, borrowing $350,000 from Whitaker bank with tourist commission putting $100,000 down), seconded by Leigh, motion passes unanimously.

Jay makes a motion to enter Executive Session under **KRS 61.810(1)(b), KRS 61.810(1)(c), KRS 61.810(1)(f)**, second by John, passes unanimously.

Jay makes a motion to return to regular session, seconded by John, motion passes unanimously.

Jay makes a motion to increase Kaitlyn Harder's salary to $67,500, seconded by Tim, motion passes unanimously.

John makes a motion to offer Tanner Smith Full Time Maintenance Staff position, seconded by Jay, passes unanimously.

Motion by Jay to adjourn, seconded by Tim, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:39am.