



**City of Smithville, Missouri  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
May 23, 2024  
6:00 PM  
Smithville City Hall Board Room**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the April 23, 2024, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**
- 3. Staff Report**
- 4. Tree City USA Presentation**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Special Presentation**
- 8. Adjourn**

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**City of Smithville, Missouri  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
April 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

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**1. Call to Order**

Dani called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Parks and Recreation Committee members present were Dani Wilson, Jeremiah Bloemker, Kyle Squires, Hailey Kellerstrass, Ben McClanahan, Alderman Shipley, and Mayor Boley. Staff present was Matt Denton

**2. Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2024, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

The Mayor made a motion to approve the minutes. Kyle seconded. Voice vote, all ayes.

**3. Staff Report**

**Community Awards**

The Community Awards Banquet was on February 29, 2024. The Parks and Recreation Legacy Fund, in collaboration with the City of Smithville, is partnering with the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce to host an enchanting evening, "Night at the Grammys," at the White Iron Ridge. This gala dinner honors exceptional citizens and dedicated volunteers within our community while raising crucial funds for the Parks and Recreation Legacy Fund and Smithville Chamber of Commerce. The Legacy Fund will share the \$24,275 total raised.

**Water Fountains**

The water fountains on Main Street Trail were recently installed and are currently operational. New fountains were purchased after consistent problems with the original ones.

**Park Maintenance**

Our Park Maintenance team has been busy preparing for the spring season. They've started mowing and planting flowers to continue making our parks look great. They are preparing to start painting the Spillway Restroom.

**Eagle Scout Projects:**

Over the weekend Cooper Crampton completed his Eagle Scout project of painting and landscaping the Heritage Park Caboose. Alex has posted some pictures on our social media. Some other projects in the works are landscaping around park signage, little libraries, and a structure for photo opportunities.

Recreation Report:

Sports

- Youth baseball softball practicing
  - Soccer on week 6 of games
  - Little Kickers finished spring session
- T-ball started practicing
  - T-ball games begin next week

Sports Registrations												
	Spring Soccer	Spring Soccer Clinic	Spring T-Ball	Spring Baseball	Spring Softball	Fall Soccer	Fall Soccer Clinic	Fall T-Ball	Fall Volleyball	Winter Basketball	Winter Basketball Clinic	Total Participants
2021	180	40	140	105	71	178	32	68	49	132	New in 2024	1,005
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2024	262	40	140	91	81							474

Facilities

2024 Facility Rentals						
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Events & Programs

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March 29	Adult Egg Hunt	100	FULL
Total Participants			

## Marketing

- Submitted survey for the City of Smithville Employee Wellness Newsletter – asking for feedback on activities employees are interested in participating in if the wellness

committee would handle the registration fees for employees and possibly dependents.

Marketing Analytics						
	 Followers <i>(Total followers of your page)</i>	 Page Reach <i>(Number of people who saw any of your posts at least once)</i>	 Followers <i>(Total followers of your page)</i>	 Page Reach <i>(Number of people who saw any of your posts at least once)</i>	 Website Site Sessions <i>(A visit to your site)</i>	 Page Views <i>(Number of times a page in your site was loaded by a visitor)</i>
December 2023	4,998	22,472	1,804	525	1,554	2,522
January 2024	5,074	18,946	1,800	374	2,482	1,780

## Community

- CIA (Community in Action) member
- CIA (Community in Action) Community Advisory Council – Youth Serving Sector Representative
- Smithville Main Street District Ex-Officio
- Haunted Campground Committee
- City Wellness Committee member

## Other Announcement

#### **4. Emerald Ridge Park and Playground Design:**

In September 2023, this Committee provided the first feedback regarding the initial park and playground designs. Athco and Kompan took the feedback and updated their designs before our October meeting. That meeting was canceled due to attendance. Feedback was asked for over email instead. Again, the feedback was sent back to the two companies, and they updated their designs.

On January 16, 2024, Staff held a public meeting for Emerald Ridge Playground and park design for the Emerald Ridge neighborhood and surrounding areas. It was hosted at the Smithville Senior Center between 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The neighborhood got a door hanging notifying them of this meeting. We also posted on Next Door for them and the surrounding subdivisions to join and provide feedback online. We had two families attend the in-person public meeting, one family from the Emerald Ridge neighborhood. There were no comments online.

On January 25, 2024, The Committee met to review all comments received and look into making any changes to the designs based on the comments received. The Committee provided the following feedback after reviewing the public comments:

##### **Athco Committee Feedback:**

- More equipment for 2.5-5-year-olds.
- Add more interactive boards/equipment.
- Add swings.
- Look for an alternative to the We-Go-Round.
- Get rid of some of the play features on the main structure and add more sensory elements.

##### **Kompan Committee Feedback:**

- New style for the shade structure.
- Add swings.
- Get rid of some of the play features on the main structure and add a different play element to it.

Staff was asked to look into adding a restroom and ask the Board of Alderman for more funds for both designs. The committee decided to not move forward with the restroom at this time.

The staff took the feedback provided and met with each design company to make the necessary changes that would be within budget. Both companies have provided updated designs that are within the current budget.

On February 22, 2024, each design company provided a presentation at the meeting. The committee provided the following feedback.

##### **Athco:**

Forward think for shade in the future, reduce walking path, remove chimes for sensory boards, make sure mounds are not moveable, the addition of 2.5-5-year-old structure, and add a friendship swing.

##### **Kompan:**

Rework the walking path and concrete to save cost.

Both companies have provided a final design to be voted on. Each company provided a final presentation and allowed questions.





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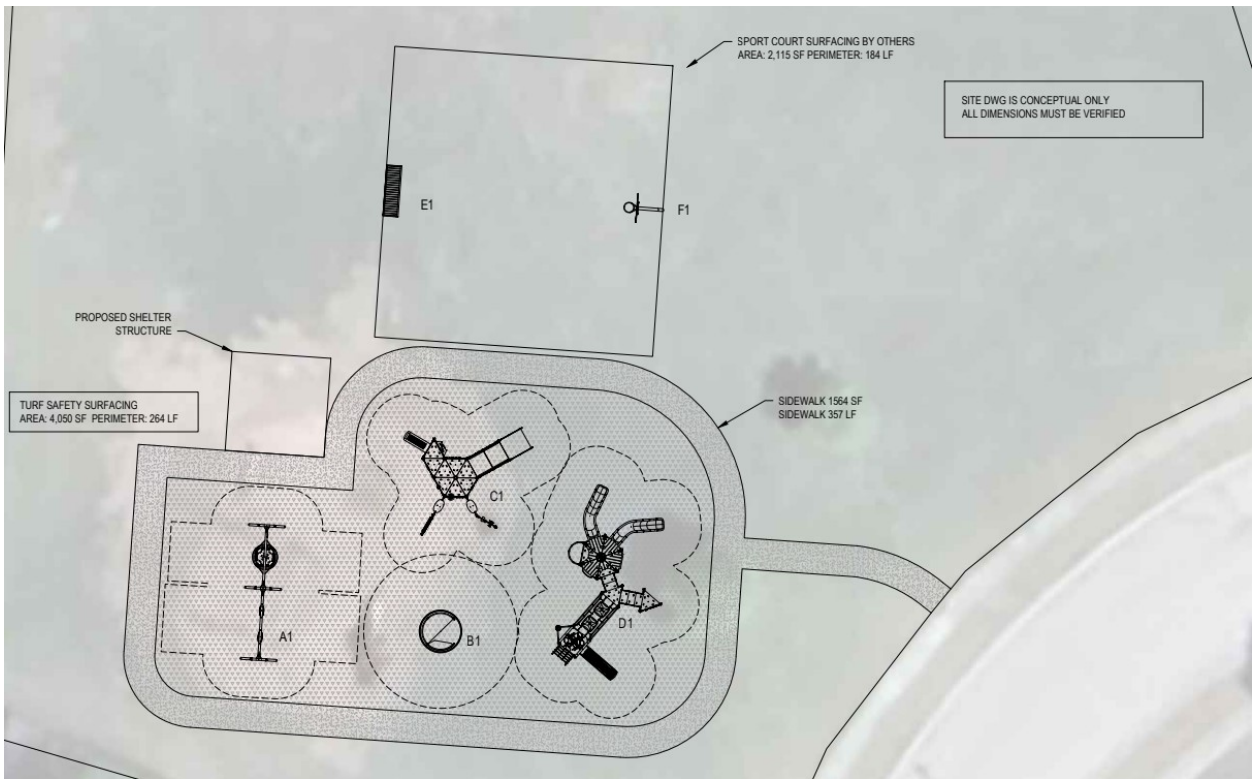




### Kompan:

Kompan presented their final presentation. He mentioned that he focused on reducing the concrete work by 42%, moving the basketball court closer, and moving the shelter to the west side. The Committee asked if the soccer goal could be faced the other way, if a baby swing could be added and if the project was within budget. Kopan mentioned that they would change the direction of the goal, they may not be able to add the swing and they were within budget.





## 2-5 Play area

### Play Tower with Ramp PCM103031

Play Capacity of 34

Play Type 10



**KOMPAN**  
Let's play



## 5-12 Play area

### Triple Tower Wackle PCM310631

### Universal Carousel PCM157

Play Capacity of 35

Play Type 21



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Let's play





# Sport Court

Soccer Goal FRE3050-3517

Basketball Goal FRE3025-3717

Shelter 16x16x8



**KOMPAN**  
Let's play



## Athco:

Athco presented their final presentation. Some of the highlights they presented were adding the 2.5-5 area and the multiple swings. He mentioned the Committee felt strongly about this age group and swings and wanted to ensure this was met. They mentioned to the Committee that they could take out the circle swing and add shade to the main structure if they would like. The Committee said they were in favor of this change. The Committee also asked if the trail from the playground to the basketball court could not come through the shelter and if a baby swing could be added. Athco mentioned this could be done.

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## Recommendation Vote:

The Mayor made a motion to discuss Emerald Ridge Park and Playground Design. Kyle seconded the motion. Dani opened the discussion to the rest of the Committee to gather input. The Committee discussed their feedback as a group and felt they were ready to vote. The final recommendation was a 6-0 vote for the Athco Park and Playground design.





## STAFF

## REPORT

**Date:** May 23, 2024

**Prepared By:** Matt Denton, Parks and Recreation

**Subject:** Staff Update

### **Emerald Ridge Park and Playground Update:**

On May 7, 2024, The Board of Alderman approved the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation for the Athco Park and Playground design. Athco was made aware, and they have begun scheduling the construction.

### **Special Events:**

May has been busy with Special Events. Smithville has hosted a VW car show, Larson's Cause and Humphry Gravel Adventure. Over Memorial Day weekend, Lake Side Bounce will be at Heritage Park on Saturday and Sunday with multiple bounce houses. Lake Fest is scheduled for June 14 and 15.

### **Splash Pad/Diamond Crest Park Update:**

The Diamond Crest Splash pad is scheduled to open this Memorial Weekend, if not sooner. There is still no new update on the parking lot situation. The restroom is still waiting for the drawings to be approved by the state. That should be done soon.

### **Recreation Report:**

- Youth baseball and softball games started
- Spring soccer season completed
- Little Kickers Soccer Clinic completed the spring session
- Fall sports registration opens July 1
- Challenger Youth Soccer Camp will be coming to Smithville June 10-14
- T-ball wrapping up next week

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April 22	Little Sprouts: Earth Day	90	FULL
April 6, 13, 20 28	Beginner 5K Training	8	
May 4	Mother-Daughter Picnic + Paint	36	FULL
May 10	Movie at the Courtyard	60	
May 22	Adult Pick-up Basketball	TBD	
Total Participants		529	

## Marketing

- Summer rack cards distributed around Smithville + Clay County
- Smithville EDC rack cards created and distributed around Smithville parks and campgrounds
- Currently creating a new SPR sponsorship and advertising opportunities packet
- Discussing adding a high school marketing intern next year
- Submitted quarterly advertisement commitment to the school district's magazine, Smithville Warrior Wire
- Heritage Park Field streaming is now available on our website after being repaired
- Working with camp host to market the campground events ~ new this year: food truck Saturdays, open to everyone to attend!
- Submitted survey for the City of Smithville Employee Wellness Newsletter

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## Other Announcements

- Haunted Campground vendor and food truck registration will open August 1.

# Food Truck Saturdays



Smith's Fork Campground

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|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>June 1</b> Burritos Lagos<br>Possy D's Sweets & Treats<br>Chambre Coffee (7AM) | <b>July 6</b> Burritos Lagos<br>KC Mobile Munchies                                  | <b>Aug 3</b> Spuddy Buddies KC   |
| <b>June 8</b> The Flauta Mix KC<br>KC Ice Shack                                   | <b>July 13</b> Possy D's Sweets & Treats<br>Chops BBQ - TBD<br>Chambre Coffee (7AM) | <b>Aug 17</b> KC Mobile Munchies |
| <b>June 15</b> Ruby's Tacos<br>Mama Doe's Ice Cream Par<br>Chambre Coffee (7AM)   | <b>July 20</b> Chambre Coffee<br>Taste of Brazil                                    |                                  |
| <b>June 22</b> At Tasty Delights<br>Burritos Lagos                                | <b>July 27</b> Possy D's Sweets & Treats<br>Ruby's Tacos<br>Chambre Coffee (7AM)    |                                  |
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4-8 PM



#### **4. Tree City USA Presentation:**

Taylor Neff, with the Missouri Department of Conservation, will be presenting on Tree City USA and what it takes to become a Tree City USA Community.

