

# City of Fort Thomas Recreation Committee Minutes

August 15, 2022 Meeting

Jeff Bezold, Chair; Adam Blau, Lisa Kelly

**Report to City Council:** August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

City staff updated on current city projects with visual presentation.

The first agenda item was the update on the Highland Hills Park parking and spray ground. The drawings of the spray ground were presented again. The water pass through system was explained and the catch basin to contain water to be used by Public Works for watering. Mark Collier, representative of the Fort Thomas Swim Club, requested to participate in any feedback conversations around splash park due to future plans with the swim club. The bid process was started last month and should be completed and presented at the October City Council Meeting. No action was requested by staff.

The second agenda item was Riverside Park. A final drawing of the park was presented. This park is in the process of being upgraded partially through private donations from citizens in that area. It will include a new half-court basketball court, water fountain, benches, and other upgrades. This is expected to be complete by spring of 2023. No action was requested by staff.

The third agenda item was Riggs Park located on Memorial Parkway. This park has been disturbed by Sanitation District No. 1's sewer upgrades this year. All equipment has been replaced and final restoration is still in progress. This park has been requested by citizens to be upgraded recently. The staff will include this park in future plans. There is no current plan to upgrade the park other than replacing existing equipment with newer equipment. This park will remain a neighborhood park. No action was requested by staff.

The fourth agenda item was the Tower Park softball field shelter. An updated picture was presented of the project and it was described as being 75% complete. This should be completed in late 2022 or early 2023. No action was requested by staff.

The fifth agenda item was the Tower Park Ropes Course/Zip line. The staff explained that due to challenges with the area that was presented previously, the recommendation is to table this item.

The sixth and final agenda item was the Tower Park "Hero" Playground. The staff presented drawings of the current plan for replacing the main playground in Tower Park. It would include play structures for all ages and provide surfacing to meet ADA accessibility. The current design would include more shade strategies, nature play, a tower, mount, and more of an enclosure for children. A concern was raised of the design not including all disabilities. The staff will meet with two different groups before finalizing the design to ensure they are able to capture as many options as possible. The staff recommended this go out to bid after the final discussions on design.

A motion was made to table the Tower Park Ropes Course/Zip line. Motion made by Adam Blau, seconded by Lisa Kelly. Motion passed.

A motion was made to proceed to the bid process for Tower Park “Hero” Playground, once both parties were consulted on prior to final design. Motion made by Adam Blau, seconded by Lisa Kelly. Motion passed.

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