

TOWN OF KIMBALL PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MISSION STATEMENT, SITE DEVELOPMENT, PHASES, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MISSION STATEMENT

To guide the development of comprehensive, state-of-the-art recreation facilities and implementation of wholesome programs to improve the quality of life for all ages, backgrounds, and physical abilities of the residents of Kimball and the surrounding area.

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Kimball Parks and Recreation Board (hereinafter called “the Board”) will serve to provide for the development and promotion of quality recreation services and facilities in the Town of Kimball. Facilities planning and program development will be accomplished in phases as funding and community involvement allows. The park will be dedicated to multi-use recreation activities and serve as a source of community pride.

PHASE I (2005-2008)

Development for the Blevins property began with the grade work, construction of two lakes and preservation of the existing wetlands. The work will also consist of the gravel driveway to the proposed parking lot area. The grade work will bring the current site up to the level needed for the future construction of three (3) soccer fields, four (4) baseball/softball fields, and concessions/restroom/storage facility.

Land acquisition, the town will be in the process of negotiations to acquire an additional 23 acres located adjacent to the new Kimball Park located on Industrial Boulevard. The acquisition of this property will give us additional acreage as well as access to the property from a public street known as Lofty Drive. The current access to the park is across a farm crossing railroad track. In order to use the access from Kimball Lane/Industrial Boulevard, the town would be required to invest over \$80,000 in upgrades to the railroad tracks to make it compliant with standards for a public crossing.

The board plans to build docks in each of the lakes for the purpose of securing our banks on the lakes and provide an area for viewing fish in the lake with future plans of allowing visitors to fish in these man made lakes.

PHASE II (2008-2010)

The Board will recommend that restroom facilities be built near the existing barn to relieve the need to purchase outdoor rental restroom facilities if using this area for parties, gatherings and reunions. The restroom facilities plan will be for a single women's/single men's ADA compliant facility. The estimated cost should about \$22,000.

The Board will proceed to apply with the State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant to complete the envisioned soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, concessions/restroom/storage facility and parking lot. The town will submit an application for an estimated \$750,000 50/50% match grant. The town plans to use the property as part of its match funds. Award notification should occur in the middle of 2008. Landscaping plans for this area will feature low-maintenance native flowering trees, shrubs and flower gardens. These areas will be labeled with the names of the plants for educational purposes.

The Board will proceed to submit another application for an estimated \$250,000 in federal Transportation Enhancement grant funds to construct the Kimball River Walk. This River Walk is part of a county wide Greenways and Trails vision to connect towns within Marion County. The trail a 10' wide, asphalt, multi-use trail would begin at the rail line at the park's entrance and continue 5,000 feet to the Tennessee River and follow along the river bank to the end of the town's property line. The trail would be lighted by 60 decorative street lamps and would require two bridges or raised walkways to cross the existing wetland areas. Four (4) picnic tables (one is ADA compliant), four (4) park benches, two (2) double sided bicycle racks, and eight (8) waste receptacle sites were also included in the proposal as was the stabilization of the associated river bank. Award notification should occur in the early fall of 2009.

The board would like to add paddle boats and a decorative water fountain to each of the lakes. This area would also provide environmental education opportunities for users to learn about native wildlife, flora and fauna.

PHASE III (2010-2015)

Long-range projects include the following: basketball, volleyball and tennis courts; separate playground areas for toddlers and elementary school-aged children; official

horseshoe pits; grills, picnic tables and benches; an open air pavilion and amphitheatre; a memorial to veterans; and a large community room for indoor activities.

The park is located in the 100-year flood plain and FEMA permits will be required for each above-ground structures that will displace water. All environmental clearances and construction permits will be the responsibility of the Town of Kimball for each project. The park site has historic and archeological potential, which will also require clearances. All phases of development would include appropriate lighting and required ADA amenities.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Running concurrently with site development is the recreation program plan. The Board envisions the creation of baseball, softball and soccer leagues for children and/or adults, a fitness walking program, youth fishing rodeos, aerobic fitness classes, nutrition education classes, formation of pre-school play groups and senior adult activities.