

Charles Long
James Todd
Lewis Mathis, Jr.

ADELE HOFFELL
Thomas Webb
C. P. Nash

RUBY HOSKINS

Minutes of the last meeting were read and a correction made in the name of Brinley Hardware, correct the word Hardware to read Hardy.

Treasures report showed a bank balance of \$3,530.83, and a bank note in the amount of \$1,940.47, making a total of \$5,471.30. Report filed for audit.

Charles Long, reported on the Pollard Lake, stating that there was very little to report other than a few were interested but at present nothing being done.

A motion was made by Charles Long that the Chamber make a resolution to the Fiscal Court and the Shelbyville City Council that there be appointed a joint Parks and Recreation Board. Charles will write the resolution, the Chamber Board will then be polled by phone or in writing of the contents of the resolution. Eleven members were contacted by phone or in person, the motion passed unanimously. Letters were then sent to the Fiscal Court and to the Shelbyville City Council.

It was agreed that the result of the poll would be notated in the minutes.

Mr. Miller reported on the county health facilities. Reported he called on the Dr. in charge and was met with quite a lot of enthusiasm. The Dr. said he would make a survey and report back to Mr. Miller. So far there seems to be a lack of interest as nothing has been mentioned as yet. Mr. Miller was in doubt as to whether to pursue the subject any further.

~~Mr. Miller stated that the June Dairy Month was very successful. Ruby Hoskins added that the Dairy Doll contest was met with much enthusiasm, and that the merchants reported the sidewalk sales were much better than expected.~~

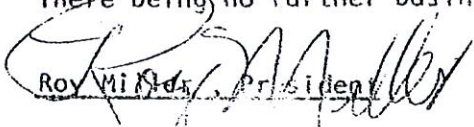
Whether to have the tobacco festival was a matter of discussion. Mr. Walters reported that the Tobacco Board of Trade members felt the money could be better spent. With that view and the resignation of Mr. Cole, Chairman of the Tobacco Festival for the Chamber of Commerce and the absence of Mr. Saunders, and other relating reasons, it was agreed to not have the Tobacco Festival this year.

Membership and finances discussed. Financially the Chamber of Commerce is in better shape than for the past few years coming into the last part of the year. If we can get new members now dues will include 1970 dues.

letter

The Secretary was directed to send a thank you ~~note~~ to Mr. Cole also to Brinley Hardy Company a letter of welcome.

There being no further business meeting adjourned


Roy Miller, President


Ruby Hoskins, Ex. Sec.

RESOLVED that the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce recommend to the Shelby County Fiscal Court and the Shelbyville City Council the formation of a joint city-county Parks and Recreation Board, and that said Parks and Recreation Board be charged with the responsibility of making a comprehensive examination of the needs of residents of and visitors to Shelby County; and further that the Parks and Recreation Board be empowered to propose and initiate such projects as it may deem necessary and feasible to meet those needs.

There are three reasons why the Chamber feels that a city-county Parks and Recreation Board should be established. First, it has become recognized that government should take the lead in establishing an orderly and consistent program of public recreation. Private efforts in this area are necessary but taken alone are not sufficient to meet the need.

Secondly, a Shelby County Parks and Recreation Board would be in a position to study a number of suggestions in the field of recreation which have been discussed here during the last few years (i.e. a community Youth Center and a park and lake south of I-64 on Guist Creek). Whatever the merits of these suggestions they deserve to be given careful study and consideration. We feel that only an officially established Parks and Recreation Board can do the job adequately.

Thirdly, when it comes to funding those projects which the community feels are desirable, a public agency such as a Parks and Recreation Board has the best chance of working with its counterparts in the state and federal governments to obtain the necessary financing.

If the Fiscal Court and the City Council decide to proceed with the establishment of a Parks and Recreation Board, the Chamber of Commerce would be willing to extend whatever help it can in the organization and operation of the Board.