

Walden Parks Committee

May 2026 Monthly Meeting

Date: May 6th, 6-7 pm; Walden Town Hall

Attendees: Lance Pope, Larry Skaggs, Luke Iverson, Christian Tartaglia

Minutes: Christian

Introduction of new members: n/a

General Business:

- meeting started at 6:02pm.
- meeting minutes from March and April were unanimously approved.

Updates:

Mabbitt Spring

- SECC will come down for creek assessment (this was Canceled due to weather)
- There is a tree leaning across the creek near the wooden bridge.
- Larry put together a new sign with the dawn to dusk “hours” added and the cost is \$70. Larry made a motion to approve his sign up to \$100. This motion was seconded and then unanimously approved.
- Larry also recommended that Mabbitt should have a kiosk like Falling Water with a map and space to highlight the park “rules”.

Falling Water:

- trail looks great.
- SECC was there today (5/6) to drag downed limbs across social trails to help reduce cut throughs and erosion.
- Travis is keen on a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new trail.
- Christian will follow up with Karen about the sign addition for Falling Water and the cooperative management of the park.
- Lance will email Mariah about getting trail blazes/markers added to make a “loop” trail and separate direct in and out trail.
- Luke will make a map for the Kiosk.
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Griffiss Park:

- Lance and his son went by to weed eat and clean up the park.

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- I planted a lavender plant in the planter box at the outflow of the water fountain.

Signs:

- Mabbitt sign with new dawn to dusk “hours”.
- Falling Water will be getting a new sign that if space permits will read:
 - “Cooperatively Managed by the Town of Walden and the Tennessee Department of Natural Areas”
 - if this does not fit, then it shall read:
“Cooperatively Managed by Walden and TDEC”.
- See below, disc golf signs/maps.

New Business/Follow Up:

- Lance spoke with Walden Plumbing and WRUD. He is meeting Mark at 4pm on Friday the 8th to select final locations for the drinking fountain locations. (there is a concern that the Falling Water locations water line might need to be pulled under the roadway as it might just be at the edge of the parking lot).
- Larry met with Kyle at Ace. Kyle will provide a list of recommendations for the disc golf course signage and maps.
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- July 1st is the deadline for County Grant Funds to be spent.

No further updates.

Next meeting is June 3rd.

Adjourn meeting at 6:51 pm.