



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

July 7, 2020

6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

Atoka Town Hall 334 Atoka-Munford Avenue

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. June 2, 2020 Exhibit A
- III. Old Business**
 - a. None
- IV. New Business**
 - a. Summer/ Fall Event Survey Results Exhibit B
 - b. New Possible Fall Event/Autumn in Atoka Exhibit C
 - c. Opening the Splash Pad during COVID Exhibit D
- V. Miscellaneous Items**
- VI. Citizen Concerns**
- VII. Adjourn**



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting - Minutes

Atoka Town Hall
334 Atoka-Munford Avenue

Tuesday, June 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.

The **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** met with the following members present:

Shane Petty
Kristen Russell
Dorothy Isbell

Terry Sauber
Larry Bogard
Candice Nash

Johnathan Campbell
Ryan Ripperton

Absent: None

Also attending:

Guy Critelli, Alderman
*Attached Sign In sheet

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Previous Minutes-March 3, 2020- Ms. Russell made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 minutes as presented. Mr. Bogard seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Approving Bylaws- Ms. Russell made a motion to approve the bylaws as presented. Mr. Bogard seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Pioneer Park- Ms. Dorothy stated that they tried to fix the original section of bank that fell but more issues have arisen due to the natural springs and rain coming from the neighborhood above. Funds are being requested in the 2020/2021 budget to get an engineer plan (SSR) and to be able to bid it out for construction.

Activities- Ms. Dorothy gave an update on activities. Greenway Phase II is under way. Adult Softball and Blast/Tball will be starting this month following COVID guidelines. Atoka Softball is planning on camps and team practices in July. Playgrounds and bathroom are still closed under current COVID guidelines. APR is working with Munford and Covington to make sure we are all doing the same thing. Currently not sure when the Splash Pad will open due to COVID. Could be restrictions. Rock the Block is planned for August 8th. There is uncertainty of how exactly it will be done. The PRAB board requested that a survey be done for Rock the Block and Fall events, so we have the community input and to make sure to get where they live. Summer Camps are planned to happen with COVID guidelines. This includes Lego Camp, Summer Adventure Camp, and Challenger Soccer Camp. BBQ Fest was cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

Autumn in Atoka- New event that could possibly be offered. Talked about it possibly being on the same weekend as Safe Night Out. Event could include camping, live music, outdoor movie, food contest, fall crafts/fair, corn hole, pumpkin carving. Ms. Dorothy said she would work on a proposal to fine tune at PRAB July meeting for the July Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Nash talked about the 3 way stop at Atoka Munford/Atoka Idaville (206). She would like to see something go behind the sign. Ideas were chess tables, book boxes, or a pollinator garden.

CITIZEN CONCERN -NONE

ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Russell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Sauber seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Ryan Ripperton, Chair

Jonathan Campbell, Secretary

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Exhibit A



Summer/Fall Event Questionnaire Results

Total Participants: 532

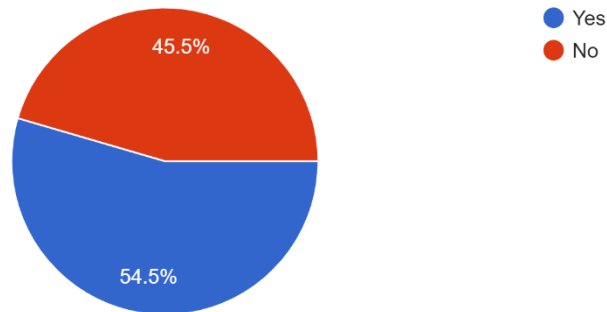
What Street and Town do you live in?

357- Live in Atoka

175-Outside: Munford, Drummonds, Tipton County, Mason, Covington, Millington

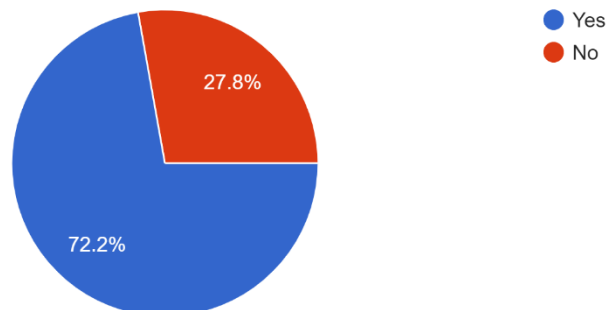
Under present circumstances would you attend Rock the Block the traditional way?

532 responses



Would you come to Rock the Block IF it were a FIREWORKS ONLY event? This means no activities and social distancing.

532 responses

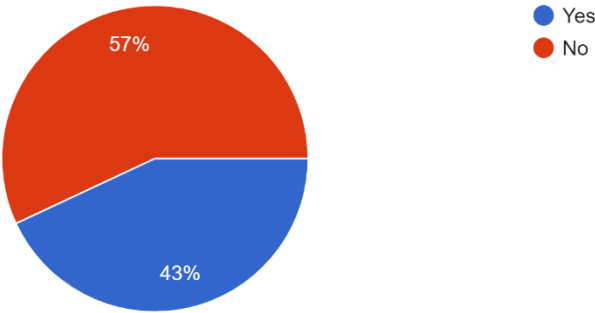


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Exhibit B

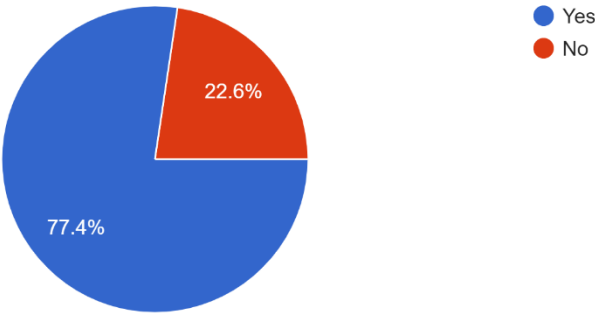
Would you come camp with your RV or tents in designated areas on a Friday or Saturday evening in the Fall?

532 responses



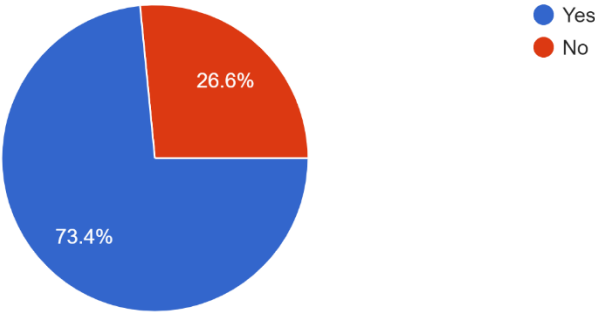
Would you participate in an outdoor movie? *Camping would not be required

530 responses



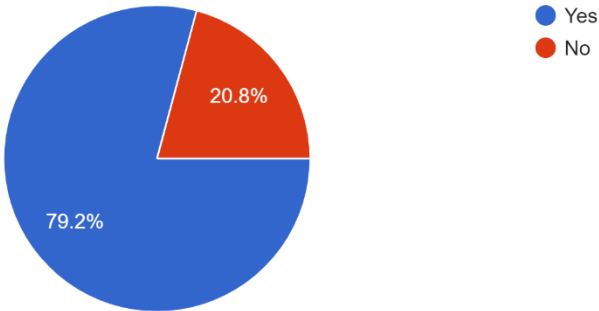
Would you and/or your children be interested in participating in activities such as: Pumpkin Carving, Kids Cooking Contest, Adult Corn Hole To...Fall Crafts, etc.? *Camping would not be required

531 responses



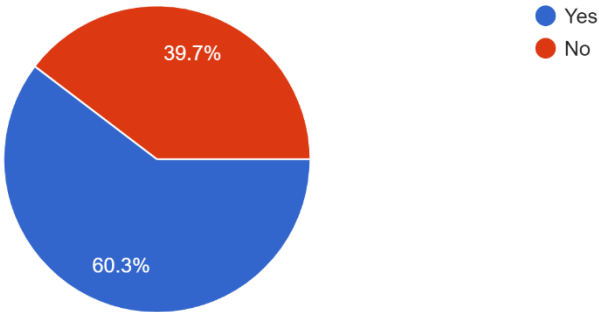
Would you come if we had an outdoor vendor show (merchandise, crafts, etc.)? *Camping would not be required

528 responses



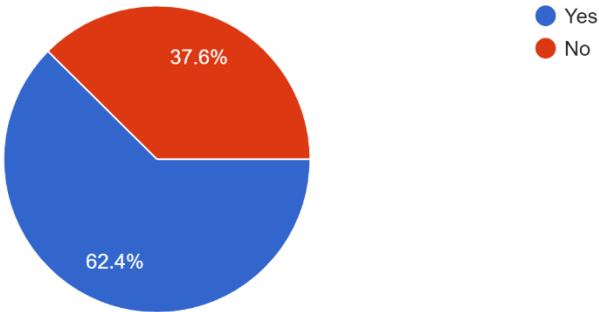
Under current circumstances would you come to Safe Night out the traditional way?

532 responses



If Safe Night Out was a drive-thru event would you still come?

532 responses



If you have an additional feedback you would like to leave, please do so below. 92 Responses

We might come depending on the level of social distancing. If it is something that is normally very crowded we will not attend.

Camping in RV make sure to have a length requirement.

Would like to continue having annual gatherings to keep some sense of normalcy for our kids.

As a military member, I am highly restricted in what activities I can participate in at the current infection rates in the area.

We are looking forward to being able to gather again as a community.

It's so very difficult to see where things will be due to COVID.

Open the splash pad please

Stay home and stay safe.

Please please please open the splash pad for those of us who don't mind getting our kids out!

Maybe even have waivers saying we wouldn't hold the town responsible if our children were exposed or got Covid-19 at the splash pad.

We live so close to Rock the Block we can see everything that goes on.

would also participate in fall sports

Kids sports are appreciated

Most of these would depend on the current covid-19 stats.

Social distancing is best at all events or significantly limit crowd numbers at events

Let's get all these events going again. Can't live in fear forever

Please do not change anything!! Keep it normal

Open. And fix pioneer park lake please. ASAP. Also please finish the green line to pioneer park.

Finally, where's that roundabout that's been planned forever?

Keep doing a great job. You have rocked thru this whole time.

As many events as possible. My family is missing our community. We want to start getting back together.

How about a live drive through Nativity for Christmas. The churches Of the community would probably swap out and be responsible For characters , costumes and do set up. !

I want activities for families and children to resume and not be social distanced. Young children, especially some special needs kids, don't understand why they can't play with other kids and it has been detrimental to the children's mental health. These effects will be felt for years.

Ready for splash park to open

How would you guarantee the safety and cleanliness of the staff and food prepared for any of the above events?

Open concession stands and water park, please!

99.7% recovery rate for Covid. Nothing has ever been this blown out of proportion. There is nothing normal about "The New Normal."

I think everything should go back to normal so we can all enjoy life.

We are Senior Citizens, so you might not want to use our answers when figuring out your pole.

The survey was restrictive in only allowing yes/no answers. I would have preferred to have provided amplifying information with extra follow-on questions, such as, "if you answered no to this question, what, if anything, would change your answer to yes (extra precautions, different activities, etc)."

We just moved to Tipton county and I'm so excited to hear about all the events there are!!

We don't have any small children in our home.

we do not have a RV or tent is the only reason we would not camp

I can't put my family at risk. Our family has participated in these events in the past, made great memories, as of now we will stay home.

Get back to normal please

Appreciate the efforts to continue coordinating fun, community events in the current and unpredictable future conditions. Thank you!

The community events tend to be extremely crowded and under present conditions I would not be comfortable in such a dense crowd.

Given COVID-19 continue infections TN. It's not safe.

A food truck event day might also be a good idea.

Add a shuttle at Nancy Lane Park for Rock the Block

Please please please open the splash park! Opening the restrooms at all parks would be nice too. Chlorine and sunshine destroy the virus and our kids need to play.

Thank you for thinking outside the box for what's best for our community safety.

I would require masks at Rock the Block and set it up as safe as possible... but I really love that event!!! I would be there... period.

None

Would only attend events if masks were required.

I wish safe night out had vendors and was a bigger event. Maybe with games, prizes, haunted hayrides etc.

Bring back youth sports. If travel sports can continue, other programs should also be able to begin to play again.

The events that we would be willing to participate in would need to be with *enforced* social distancing and/or masks required for attendance. Any crafting events would need to have proper sanitation and safety measures in place. I do not think encouraging large crowds of people is wise right now considering the increased cases in a number of states who have lifted restrictions. Also, no one in this area knows how to properly social distance (or maybe they don't know what 6ft means), so mandatory masks would likely need to be required to combat that.

Stop letting the flu control us

I will come to events With or without having to social distance. My kids need to be kids and staying at home is hurting them.

You need to plan and schedule more activities geared to senior/retired citizens require /provide masks for all attendees and all events

Either open up for business fully or close down fully and start giving property tax refunds. Being charged taxes for services not being rendered is unsatisfactory. You demand taxes, I demand full service that goes with it.

If numbers of infected went down substantially my answers would be different.

COVID-19 has not done damage. Our government's gross abuse of power has done the damage. Stop wasting our taxpayer dollars on ignorance and open the town the way it's meant to be open. I am excited for many of these events. I just want to make sure that we continue to social distance as much as possible while still keeping our sense of community and supporting healthy social interaction for our youth.

Thanks for all you do for our community!

Thank you for all the wonderful things you do for our town and making it a great place to raise children!

Hold the events, if people want to come they will come, if they don't, then they won't. People know they can wear masks if they feel more comfortable.

I think the fireworks instead of the actives for rock the block would be good. A thought would be having them at Nancy lane park so there is more parking. My answer would have been different a few days ago but now that I personally know someone with covid and they never showered any signs, I believe it is a risk putting our children in harms way. They are still working on a vaccination but have not figured it out yet. As far as safe night out, it should be revisited closer to time.

Military Orders state that active duty members cannot do any of these things due to COVID19 Please do not encourage the spread of COVID-19. Contrary to popular belief, It is real and dangerous. Help educate those in our community of how easily it spreads by discouraging any gathering during a Pandemic. The town needs to assume liability if it goes forward with city sponsored gatherings that lead to a massive outbreak.

with all the new cases of Covid-19 I really don't think this would be a good idea right now

Please open back up as normal. If people do not want to participate, they can stay home but for those of us who want our lives back, please do it. Kids and parents need interaction for mental health and happiness!

I don't trust our community to take the risk of spreading Covid to others. If everyone isn't wearing masks and socially distancing, I won't be there. It's unfortunate that conspiracy theories are making it impossible to move forward with life in our community.

Life needs to continue as normal.. if an individual feels it is not safe they are welcome to STAY home!!

Would be a yes to everything except camping IF COVID-19 restrictions were lifted for active duty military.

Arts and Crafts booths are a plus!

Please provide some activity for senior and single adults who have to be in self imposed isolation due to COVID-19. Perhaps drive in movies for Seniors, craft fairs for seniors or that have senior hours

Really like Drive thru safe night

Please open Pioneer park and open the splash pad. These were part of the reason we chose this area.

If we came to traditional events, we would probably avoid things like the bounce houses and crowded areas. At least at this point.

Open up. Most people feel safe. If not, they can stay home. Most will come.

It says a lot that our town leaders care enough to ask for input like this. Thank you!

Time to get back to living life

As part of the safe night Halloween event we should do our pets Halloween contest and dog tricks

Thanks for caring for our community!

All answers are based on the Covid-19 situation at the time. If it remains the same or gets worse, everyone should stay home.

Would love some things for kids if there were screening and smaller numbers

Open back up already. And the splash pad too. We have kids that want to enjoy the summer. :)

wouldn't not attend camping because of covid, just don't like camping

Please fix pioneer park and bring back the splash pad

We trick or treat typically. Not safe night out.

Most activities I would be comfortable with for rock the block except open drink stations(replace with bottles or can drinks), the dunk tank (for volunteers), and the bounce house. Most other activities do not require close contact and allow for social distancing.

#for tipton

My teenager is too old but if I had a younger child and we wore masks then we would consider some of the events.

please do something about the terrible traffic jam on walker parkway on halloween (one lane only / one way only ??). This mess is not only frustrating but very dangerous if anyone needed to get out of their driveway in an emergency.

Social Distancing, spread people out. Have hand sanitizer available at events and possibly mask! We are in a pandemic. Hopefully it is only once in a 100 years. Thank goodness we have technology. Virtual events are the safest route.



Event: Autumn in Atoka (Keep this name?)

Date: Friday September 25th & Saturday 26th?

Activities:

Family Camping: RV's & Tent Camping

Must pre-register for availability

Load in on Friday from 3pm-7pm

Load out on Saturday from 1-3pm

Music:

Bands that would be willing to volunteer?

P&R has small sound system where we could play some music before the movie and on Saturday

Outdoor Movie:

What Movie?

Drug Free Tipton will normally cover half the cost (Looking at about \$250 for Atoka)

Friday Night at Dark on Field 4

Spaces can be marked out in the outfield for social distancing

Concessions available from 5pm-10pm

Smoers:

Available as a treat for campers and movie goers on Friday @ no cost

Possibly get supplies donated or can be done at a reasonable price

Family Cornhole Tournament:

Adult/Child Teams (1 adult & 1 child per team)

\$20 team fee (Can cover prize)

Either in the Camping area or possibly on Field 1 out field

Sign up 6-7pm

Single Elimination Tournament start at 7pm-till

Bags can be sanitized between uses

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Exhibit C

Prize?

Vendor Fair:

Fee? \$20? Normally BBQ Fest is \$40

Saturday from 9am-1pm

Load in 8am-9am

Load out 1pm-2pm

*Should we do this? Social distancing difficult?

Arts & Crafts:

Have several tables set up with pre-made craft baggies available to make some Fall crafts

For younger kids

Can sanitize between seating

Pumpkin Carving OR Painting Contest? Both?:

Pumpkin Pick-up at 8am

Pumpkin turn in at 11am

Judging at 11:30am

Winners announced at 12pm

Different age groups?

Fee?

Prizes?

Other Activities?

Not sure on a cooking contest? Cooking type contests have been cancelled even through the fall due to COVID. I have seen some virtual contests in place of them.

Cost:

Water at the campsites

Porta Johns/ Hand Washing Stations

Smores

Pumpkins

Pumpkin Carving Tools/Paints

Arts & Craft Baggies

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Event Proposal

Event: Autumn in Atoka*
Date: TBD

Sponsor: Atoka Parks & Recreation
Time: TBD

Description: The event is proposed as a family fun weekend to be held at Atoka's Nancy Lane Park. The event will be a 2-day event with family camping, outdoor movie, and activities on Friday night with a Craft Fair, Pumpkin Carving/Painting Contest, and other activities on Saturday morning. There will also be no road closures as a part of the event. The primary location for the event is circled below-with overflow parking on the grass area north of the softball complex.



Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of event



Opening the Splash Pad during COVID-19

Current State Guidelines through the Tennessee Pledge:

Playground - Avoid opening playgrounds and high-contact water play areas (e.g., splashpads) until advisable

We have not heard any additional information on what is “advisable” for splash pads.

Splash Pad capacity: 100% capacity estimated at 142

Opening the Splash Pad:

Target Date without updated guidelines: Possibly July

Options in opening the Splash Pad:

Opening	Summer Hours	School Hours	Concession Hours	Pad Supervision	Capacity	Bathroom Sanitation	Pad Sanitation	Supply Cost	Staffing Cost	Entrance Fee
Traditional	S-S 9a-9p	S-S 9a-9p	Summer: M-S 11a-5p Sun 1p-5p	N/A Occasional Check by concession staff	N/A This would not be tracked	Once daily High Touch areas during Concession Hours	M-F once daily Weekend possible	Additional cleaning supplies	Nothing over the 2 concession workers	None
Supervision	M-S 10a-7p Sun 1p-5p	M-F 4p-7p Sat 10a-7p Sun 1p-5p	Same as pad hours	2 workers Working door & pad	50% to start 71 ppl	Once daily High touch hourly	2-3 times during open hours	Additional Cleaning supplies	2 more workers Summer: 110 hours a week @ \$8 an hour	None Absorb extra costs
Supervision w/ Fee	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above	Yes Fee: TBD
Closed until advisable	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Closed for Season	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Entrance Fee:

If we charge, we do have to charge **everyone**. We did confirm with TNDEC which is where most of the funds for the splash pad came from that we **cannot** allow Atoka residents to be free and charge non-residents.

Fee ratio: We can charge less for Atoka residents and more for non-residents but not more than double the Atoka resident price (ex. Resident is \$5 so Non-Resident fee cannot exceed \$10). A season pass is also an option that could be offered.

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Exhibit D

Other Splash Pad or Similar:

Location:	Resident Fee:	Non-Resident Fee:	Free:	All Day/Session:
Ripley P&R Pool	\$7	\$7	3 & under	All day
Shelby Farms Spray Ground	\$5	\$5	3 & under	50 min sessions
Bartlett P&R Splash Pad	\$5	\$12	Did not say	All day
Collierville Spray Parks	Free with Proof/Pass	\$10	Did not say	All day

*Fee can be determined by all day price or if we want to do sessions

Benefits of charging:

Due to COVID-19 and uncertainty on when it will end it would cover additional costs in supplies and employees.

This could also be used as a trial run to see if charging and having the splash pad supervised during open hours is beneficial.

1. We would be able to enforce toddler time.
2. We would be able monitor activity such as language and bringing sand in the splash pad.
3. It could possibly cut down on activity coming from outside Tipton County and large groups from coming without notice.
4. We could offer birthday party rental (at a fee) option at certain times that includes a worker and set-up. This would stop multiple parties showing up at once and over running the splash pad.
5. We would have additional revenue available to be able to put more back into the splash pad. Currently we are running on a maintaining basis and being reactive vs proactive.

We have given you all this information for some guidance as a board on what will be best for the Town. Some options could be very big changes that would need board approval. We could also get the public opinion for a decision through a survey if that is requested. We get calls, posts on FB, and asks in person daily on the status of the splash pad and would like to be able to tell them what direction we are going in or a tentative plan.

Feel free to email, call, or text me your thoughts!

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