



1. What is Timeless Tellico Foundation?

Timeless Tellico Foundation is a Tennessee non-profit corporation the expressed mission to facilitate private/corporate donations to improve existing or develop new recreation and amenity facilities, programs and equipment for Tellico Village. While we are waiting on our own 501c3 status to be approved, we are operating under the auspices of Legacy Parks Foundation in Knoxville. Legacy Parks is taking 1% of our donations for offering us this service.

2. Who named the Timeless Tellico Foundation ?

The foundation had to be named prior to filing state and federal paperwork. Simon polled several groups, including the Recreation Advisory Committee, TVPOA employees and department heads. Jessica Antrim, Assistant Director for the Recreation Department came up with the winning idea.

3. Why was this Foundation Created? Why Do We Need It?

The Foundation was created in direct response to inquiries from residents and corporations on how they could donate funds for special projects or initiatives that would enhance the offerings of the Recreational amenities. One of the top concerns voiced by residents in the Long Range Planning Committee focus groups was the lack of funds available for recreational amenities.

4. Why Isn't the POA funding expansion of Recreational amenities?

The POA has many priorities to fund, including the Recreational amenities. However, if we want to expedite the realization of some of the desired projects, we would like to offer the opportunity for residents to contribute. This does not mean that we expect the POA to reduce any allocations of funds for recreational amenities. Any monies raised through Timeless Tellico Foundation would only supplement existing funding.

5. How is the Foundation Governed?

The Foundation has a Board of Trustees comprised of nine volunteers. Simon Bradbury, Director of the Recreation Department is the President of the Board and will remain President until the Foundation is well established, potentially three years. All volunteer members went through an interview process with the Recreation Advisory Committee and were then approved by the POA BOD. Members of the Trustee Board include: Walt Cook, Bill Butera, Dan Cataldi, Glennie Browne, Teena Risley, Pete Kilmartin, Gary Mulliner and Lisa Lower.

6. How Does the Board Determine Which Projects They Will Fund?

Donor directed funds will be used to complete projects in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donor. If we do have unrestricted funds, the Trustees will consider long established “wants” expressed through the Long Range Planning and Recreation Advisory Committees to be considered for funding.

7. If I make a donation, will I have control over how the project is completed?

You will certainly have input, but not control. Everything possible will be done to honor the wishes of our donors. However, any project we undertake must be approved by the POA to ensure it fits within the plan for the community. Any requirements of the donor that may be in conflict with the overall “look and feel” of the community will have to be negotiated. In some cases, if we cannot come to agreement, then a donation would have to be declined. I know this is an extreme example but if someone wants to donate a tower to be erected with a pink elephant on the top, the answer is going to be no. That is why we have the volunteer Trustee Board in place to ensure that our existing esthetic is not compromised and there is enough funding in place to not only complete the project, but also to sustain the project on an ongoing basis.

8. How do I make a donation to Timeless Tellico?

That’s easy! All you have to do is pick up a form at the Wellness Center, Chota Recreation Center, Kahite Clubhouse or the Welcome Center. Write a check to Legacy Parks Foundation, write Timeless Tellico on the memo line and leave at the Wellness Center. If you would like to sponsor a specific project, then a donor application process must be followed. This application may be obtained by emailing timelesstellicofoundation@gmail.com

9. Who oversees the money in the Foundation?

We have a volunteer treasurer who will oversee our funds and report to the Trustees the status of our deposits. No one will have access to Foundation Funds without the approval of the volunteer Treasurer.

10. Will the POA or POA Employees have access to Foundation Funds?

No.

11. Why does the POA have to approve any projects?

Any project or structure developed on POA land must have POA approval. We do not anticipate approvals to be an arduous process, especially if the total funds are available and the project is consistent with Long Range Planning and Recreation Advisory Committee goals or enhances existing facilities or programs.

12. What Timeless Tellico Foundation is NOT.

Timeless Tellico Foundation is not a substitution for POA funding of Village needs! The Foundation was started to enhance existing funding mechanisms to expedite desired programs, features, equipment etc of the that are not currently planned for in the POA budget. Think of it as “wants” vs “needs.”