

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – March 5, 2019 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kappers, President.

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Alan Kappers, President
 Mr. Jordan Emerick, Vice President
 Mrs. Susan Westfall, Secretary

Others Present: Kyler Booher, Director of Golf
 Ken Siler, Recreation Director
 Patrick Titterington, Director of Public Service and Safety
 Sue Knight, Administrative Assistant
 City staff

The minutes of the January 16, 2019 joint Recreation Board and Board of Park Commissioners meeting were accepted and the meeting minutes from the February 5, 2019, were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mrs. Westfall, second by Mr. Emerick.

REPORTS:

- Recreation Director, Ken Siler had submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). This report was accepted.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher had submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). This report was accepted. Mr. Booher stated the construction process is ongoing. The outside siding is completed and the roof is nearing completion. The approximate date of completion is the first week of May. Mr. Booher noted that he has sat down with Darlene Smith and David Kerg discussing ideas as to how The Shoreline room can be rented and usage of the building. Mr. Booher also noted that himself and Mr. Siler have been working together for the branding of The Shoreline. Once they have more information they will present it to the Board of Park Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Today David Lindeman made a request to the Board of Park Commissioners that the Board “vacates” Brukner Park and gives it to the Board of Directors of the Troy-Miami County Public Library (Library). This is based on the following:

1. Library is faced with a HVAC system that has virtually failed, is obsolete and cannot be maintained, and can only be replaced.
That will be a very expensive project.
2. As they face this the Library is looking 50+ years down the road to meet the needs of the Library.
3. Library has had this location since 1976. Since that time needs/usage/programming have changed considerably.
4. Library is out of space to grow. Growing up is not a good financial option. Best option seems to be to renovate and grow into the space known as Brukner Park.
5. There are no actual plans or designs, more of general thoughts of perhaps a connected building onto Brukner Park, maybe moving some parking into Brukner Park. These are concept ideas. Library does not want to get into design until Library knows what the area will be.
6. Initial look at demolition and rebuilding is too expensive.
7. Library prefers to stay at this location – it supports the downtown and is a site that has been used for educational purposes (i.e. former Edwards School) since the 1870s. Any alternative location would take them away from not only the downtown but possibly the central Troy area.

8. Library noted Troy Rotary Club involvement in the past with a gazebo, and some tree plaques, and that they would want to preserve some of that history.

Mr. Kappers comments, in addition to asking you what can legally be done if the Board wished to transfer the land to Library, included: a possible "letter of intent", Board right to review design, right of reversion

- Consideration of approval of March 2019 golf fees – Mr. Booher presented the winter rates that he would like to use for the month of March due to cooler weather. Mr. Booher noted that the summer rates that were approved will go in effect on April 1. A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall accept the winter golf rates for the month of March.

Discussion:

- Mr. Kappers addressed concerns with Director of Golf with the fairways at Miami Shores Golf Course. Mr. Booher stated with all the changes coming this year with Miami Shores Golf Course, they have shown attention to the fairways that contained a disease late last season. Last fall, they identified that the fairways had a growth of gray leaf spot. Staff treated the disease in the areas it affected and reseeded after the disease was killed. Mr. Booher is hoping when the grass begins to grow back in when the weather gets warmer, all the areas will start to recover.
- Mr. Kappers asked the status of the new tee signs at Miami Shores Golf Course – Mr. Booher stated he has been in contact with Mr. Boutwell with Golf Graphics and the final contract was sent to Mr. Boutwell. At this point, the City is waiting to receive the signed contract back from Golf Graphics.
- Administrative Assistant Mrs. Sue Knight shared that the City of Troy received noticed that the 122nd US Army Reserve Band has chosen Prouty Plaza to host a concert on Friday, June 28. The band has been here two different times in the past and it has been a couple of years since their last performance. At this time the only obligation the City of Troy has to host the band is the promote their coming, have a room available for them to use, and to supply the band with lots of drinking water.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Westfall, seconded by Mr. Emerick, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,