

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – April 2, 2024, 4:00 PM
Council Chambers

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

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Jordan Emerick, President
 Mrs. Mona Anderson, Secretary

Others Attending: Jeremy Drake, Park Superintendent
 Ken Siler, Recreation Director
 Kyler Booher, Director of Golf
 City Staff
 Citizens

The minutes of the March 5, 2024, Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent, Jeremy Drake, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake highlighted that the North Market Street Softball Field upgrades are moving along while games are being played at the facility. The Duke Park Pickleball Courts are ready for asphalt and that should take place the last week of April. The toddler playground equipment at Duke Park is waiting on a couple more pieces of equipment to install. Once the equipment is installed, the mulch will be placed and the playground can open. Lastly, Mr. Drake would like to welcome the new employee Dan Myers who transferred from the Hobart Arena Staff.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler had nothing to add to his report.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated the weather in March was slightly above average and play was normal for March.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request for the use of top of levee by gazebo with a stage for a worship service hosted by Declare on Sunday, September 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. plus food trucks on the lower levee by the stadium:** Mr. Siler stated staff received a Facility Use Agreement request for a worship service that will take place on the top of the levee on Sunday, September 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. hosted by Declare. Declare has hosted similar events on park property in the past and there has never been an issue. The event will not require any city services.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to approve the Facility Use Agreement for the use of the levee on September 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Request for the use of Hobart Arena and Community Park on August 24** – The Miami Valley Veterans Services have submitted a Facility Use Agreement to use Hobart Arena and Community Park on August 24 for an event to provide informational services that are available for veterans along with a concert at Hobart Arena. Mr. Siler stated they also have reserved a couple of shelters for them to use for some activities.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the Facility Use Agreement submitted by the Miami Valley Veterans Museum pending the paperwork is completed correctly.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Presentation by Troy City Skate Park Unite on design of a new skate park** – Matt Williams, 522 S. Market Street, Troy, grew up in Troy and has spent years investing time into maintaining and growing the existing Joe Reardon Skate Park in Troy. Mr. Williams stated the Troy City Skate Park Unite is a non-profit organization and has been raising funds since 2019 to improve the skate park. The funds raised and the grants the organization has received have led to the design of an updated skate park. Mr. Williams stated this is the start of the process and getting the ideas down on paper but not final.

Mr. Williams introduced Platform Group, who is the company that designed the new park that is being presented. Platform Group has been designing skate parks for the past 25 years. Mr. Ryan Clemens has been the contact that Troy City Skate Park Unite has been working closely with and Mr. Tito Parada is the designer of the updates to the Joe Reardon Skate Park. Mr. Parada stated they like to refer to the park as a wheel park, not a skate park because with the new design anything that has wheels could use the park. Examples are skateboards, inline skates, bikes, and scooters. The course that is designed is considered a Street Course and what is exciting about Street Courses is they are great for beginners and then up to professionals. Below are some more highlights from the design of the updated park.

- 24,000 to 26,000 square feet with a mixture of street courses, bowl (1), pump tracks (3), a mini ramp, and mini pads with low elevation
- Multi-use Shelter
- A pond that could mitigate any stormwater issues that could arise
- Yoga Pad
- Trails and Connections
- Basketball Court
- Natural rock seating with the embankment along the levee

Mr. Parada stated it is not just a skate park, it is a master plan for the area. He feels bringing diversity into the park is extremely important in the design phase.

Mr. Emerick asked what are the next steps and Mr. Parada stated that as of now, collecting and reviewing the data that is received and then planning the next steps.

Mr. Emerick questioned the time for daily maintenance of the property and Mr. Parada said it would depend on the usage of the park.

Mr. Emerick questioned how far people will travel to come to a skate park like this and Mr. Williams feels people will come from out of state to skate at a park like this.

Public Comments:

John Hager, Miami County, feels this is a huge need for our community. Mr. Hager visits the current skate park every week and when he is there, he sees over 40 kids there. He feels the skate park is used more than the playground parks in our community. Mr. Hager feels the addition of the restroom and more seating will be great additions to the park.

Landy Colada, Dayton Ohio, stated he would drive a great distance to visit a skate park like this.

Kelly Snyder, Director of the Troy Rec, stated a lot of the kids that visit The Rec are skaters and feels this would be great to offer to kids that don't like the typical sports. This would give them their area to excel.

John Ernst, Owner of Ernst Concert, stated he has been working with Mr. Williams in fundraising for the upkeep and upgrades of the Joe Reardon Skate Park. Mr. Ernst stated he recently attended a national conference, and a highlight of the conference was for companies to try to attract future employees from the skateboard community. He stated skateboarders appreciate concrete and what it has to offer, and the concrete industry has found that skateboarders are excellent concrete employees.

Dan Williams, Troy Ohio, stated if the design plan does come to life in Troy, it will be a magnet for all ages. People will come and visit a skatepark with this vision.

Matt Williams stated there is a public forum at The Rec tonight for people to ask questions.

Mr. Emerick thanked Mr. Williams for all the time and effort he has put into the Joe Reardon Skate Park.

OTHER:

- **Note receipt of a check from the William H. Maier Successor Trust in the amount of \$1,515.95 – Mr. Emerick noted that a check was received from the William H. Maier Successor Trust in the amount of \$1,515.95.**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
