

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – May 28, 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
 Mr. Will Harrelson, Vice-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 May 7, 2024, Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrelson

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent, Jeremy Drake, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake stated the Duke Park Pickleball Courts have been paved and a contractor is supposed to start on the south courts at the end of the week. Weather permitting, the courts may be open the second week of June.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler stated Float Troy Reservations have increased within the past couple of weeks for the upcoming rental season. Mr. Siler reported all the graduation ceremonies have been completed and staff is getting ready to put the ice down again for the summer season. The Troy Aquatic Park (TAP) is off to a good start and staff is hoping for a hot start to the summer to increase pass sales.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes).

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Recommendation to City Council to submit a CDBG Grant Application which includes upgrades to Herrlinger Park** – Mr. Tim Davis, Development Director for the City of Troy, stated in 2017, the Troy Downtown Riverfront Strategic Development Study identified items and goals for the city moving forward. One of the goals came about when the Low-Head Dame Removal and River Improvements Project was approved. The Crawford Street Pedestrian Pathway Project will provide residents of Southeast Troy direct connections to the recreational trail and provide a direct connection to Herrlinger Park. The proposed Herrlinger Park Improvements include new playground equipment, a 9-hole disc golf course, installation of pickleball courts, new lighting, improved parking, and fencing around the playground equipment and pickleball courts. The estimated cost for this project is \$160,000. The funding is as follows:

Funding Sources	Amount	CDBG Eligible Activity
CDBG NRP	\$100,000	Park and Recreation Facilities
Troy Park Budget 2025	\$60,000	Park and Recreation Facilities

Mr. Davis stated staff is seeking other grant opportunities to help offset some of the city costs. If the CDBG grant application is not awarded, then the Herrlinger Park Improvement Project will be delayed until grant funding can be secured. Mr. Emerick questioned the timeline and Mr. Davis stated the project will be completed in 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mr. Emerick, to recommend that Troy City Council authorize the submittal of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to assist with funds to upgrade Herrlinger Park improvements as part of a PY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Allocation Program and Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Discussion of Annual Park Tours**—Mr. Emerick suggested that the July Board of Park Commissioners meeting be the Annual Tour of Parks. Mr. Emerick, Mr. Harrelson, and Mrs. Anderson agreed to meet on Monday, July 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Park Department office. Mr. Harrelson noted that during the 2023 Annual Tour of Parks there was discussion around developing a strategic plan for the parks and since the 2024 Annual Tour of Parks will be taking place, Mr. Harrelson feels the board needs to develop a plan for the future of the city parks. Mr. Emerick agreed that the board needs to develop a strategic plan for the future of the parks and asked to have it on the July meeting agenda.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
