

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – September 10, 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

The minutes of the August 19, 2024, Board of Park Commissioners meeting was 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 highlighted that the staff is preparing for the fall soccer and football season. Grass mowing has slowed down due to the lack of rain, but staff have been keeping busy with tree work and building maintenance items.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler stated Float Troy program has ended for the season. This year 217 tents were rented, which is very close to the number of rentals in 2023. Staff is in the process of putting down the ice for the 2024-2025 ice season. The Troy Aquatic Park attendance was very good this season and will have final numbers at the next meeting.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated the staff finished the aeration on the tees and greens and they did a very nice job completing that. Also, with the drought conditions, the course has remained in good condition and staff are watching the grounds closely in hopes of not losing any turf.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Recommendation to Council Regarding Authorization Bidding a Farm Lease Agreement for Part of Paul G. Duke Park** – Mrs. Sue Knight, Administrative Assistant for the City of Troy, stated after the city acquired the Huelskamp Farm, Council authorized bidding a farm lease agreement, which was recommended by the Board of Park Commissioners. The lease agreement is for approximately 40 acres of land. The current agreement expires at the end of the year. Based on the expiring agreement, the city has been receiving \$250 per acre for the lease. A new lease agreement would be based on a three-year agreement with up to two one-year mutually agreeable extensions.

Mr. Emerick confirmed that the lease has been ongoing for the past seven to eight years.

Mr. Harrelson questioned if the one-year extensions are not subject to a public bid and Mrs. Knight stated that the farmer and the Director of Public Service and Safety agree to the extensions without going out for a public bid. Mr. Harrelson asked why we don't have a one-year agreement with four one-year extensions. Mrs. Knight stated the agreement term is set by the Revised Code.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to recommend to Council authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety to advertise for bids and enter into a Farm Lease Agreement for a portion of the Paul G. Duke Park as discussed herein.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
