

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES – October 21, 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 September 10, 2024, Board of Park Commissioners meeting was 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 updated the he is working with TIMBA, Rotarians, and Ohio Fish and Wildlife Services to improve the lower field at Duke Park. Last fall, staff sprayed the weeds in the lower field area to kill off the honeysuckle and other unwanted weeds. This spring the area was mulched and now 2,200 trees will be planted in the area throughout the fall.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Emerick highlighted the upcoming concert with Trace Adkins and Mr. Siler stated there are tickets available. Mr. Siler stated public skating will start in mid-November.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes).

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of proposed winter season green fees and cart pricing at Miami Shores Golf Course** – Mr. Emerick asked that the winter rates be discussed at the November meeting due to Mr. Booher unable to attend.
- **Approval of Interagency Operating Agreement between the City of Troy and Troy City Schools** – Salome Hekate, Management Analyst, stated the City of Troy and Troy City Schools staff drafted the proposed interagency agreement, which aims to promote the health and general welfare of the community and enhance the recreational opportunities afforded to the children in the community. The final draft of the agreement has been reviewed by the City Law Director and Troy City Schools legal counsel.

The proposed agreement outlines the terms and conditions for the shared use of recreational facilities, including scheduling of facilities, maintenance requirements, and liability considerations. By partnering with Troy City Schools, the city will be able to maximize the use of existing recreational spaces and enhance the overall recreational experience for our community.

Mr. Emerick this agreement is in response with the MOU between the City of Troy and Troy City Schools. Mr. Harrelson confirmed the insurance requirements were following the City's insurance guidelines.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to approve the Interagency Operating Agreement between the City of Troy and Troy City Schools effective upon execution.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Recommendation to Council regarding naming of Margaret Duke Trail** – Salome Hekate highlighted that there is a trail within the Robinson Reserve, located in the Paul G. Duke Park, that is proposed to be named “Margaret Duke Trail”. This naming would fit City Council’s policy for Naming of City Facilities.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mr. Emerick, to recommend to Council to authorize the proposed naming.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson to add the following items to the agenda.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Recommendation to award North Market Street Softball Field Lighting Project** – Mr. Drake stated bids were opened on September 18 for the North Market Street Softball Field Lighting Project. We received bids from three contractors with bids ranging from \$189,470.00 to \$216,000.00, which included a \$20,000.00 Electric Allowance. City Council authorized a total cost not to exceed \$175,000.00. Sidney Electric Company was the lowest and best bidder and staff is recommending that the North Market Street Softball Field Lighting Project be awarded be awarded to Sidney Electric Company for the cost not to exceed \$169,470.00, which excludes the award of the Electric Allowance.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to recommend the contract for the North Market Street Softball Field lighting Project, the lowest and best bidder, Sidney Electric Company.

- **Placing a bench near the Broadford Bridge in memory of Ellie Carder** – Mr. Drake stated the funds have been raised to purchase a bench in memory of Ellie Carder and place the bench near the kayak launch near the Broadford Bridge.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to accept the donation of a bench in memory of Ellie Carder and for it to be placed near the kayak launch near the Broadford Bridge on St. Route 41.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

#### OTHER:

- Paul Hinkleman, Miami County Pickleball Association Member, expressed his and the Miami County Pickleball Association thanks to the City and Mr. Drake for all the improvements that have been made to the pickleball courts in Duke Park.

Mr. Hinkleman stated that the average day has around 100 players playing pickleball at Duke Park. Overall, the rules that are in place are working out ok. The rule that states “player managed” has had some issues during evening play. The evening players do not follow the rules that are posted but the Miami County Pickleball Association hopes they will start following the rules in 2025. The Pickleball Association would like to have a sign placed that states “Pickleball Only” and hopes that would help keep the non-pickleball players off the courts.

Mr. Hinkleman stated there are people that want to donate to the Pickleball Facilities and would like to sit down with Mr. Drake to understand how the donor program works.

Lastly, Mr. Hinkleman provided a list of items that the Miami County Pickleball Association would like to be placed or updated in 2025:

- New drinking fountain with bottle filler
- Completion of inside fences

- Paint fences (early in season so screens can be installed)
- Professional/Commercial Paddle Racks
- 2 new 32" nets (2 replacements each year)
- Porta-Potty closer to courts
- Electric outlet for luncheons and future tournament management equipment located at the park shelter adjacent to the south courts
- "Pickleball Only" signs
- Lights to play past dusk
- 4 new courts to the west of the existing courts at Duke Park
- New Wind Screens
- Conversion of 4 tennis courts in front of Hobart Arena to Pickleball
- Shade for east side of courts

Mr. Emerick thanked Mr. Hinkleman for the suggestions and thanked him and the association for taking good care of the facility.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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