

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – February 4, 2025, 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
 Citizen

The minutes of the January 14, 2025, 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 highlighted that staff started the demo of the old lighting system at the North Market Street Softball Field. The new electrical upgrades are complete. The pole removal should be removed by the end of tomorrow and then the contractor can be onsite to start the upgrades. Staff are hopeful the project will be complete by the first of April. Mr. Drake also stated staff have started the demo of the Duke Park Restroom interior remodel. The building will remain the same size, but it has been gutted, and staff have placed the new drywalls and painted, and the floors have been refinished. Staff hope to have the remodel completed by the start of baseball and softball season at Duke Park. Lastly, Mr. Drake thanked The Platform Group for their help with the Joe Reardon Skate Park upgrades. They assisted with the replacement of the ramps and placement of the ramps. Mr. Emerick asked what the life of the ramps are, and Mr. Drake noted the last ramps were used for 20 years but these will last around 5 years.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler added to his report that the reservations for Float Troy for 2025 started on February 1 and to date there are 12 reservations. The past several years the tent rentals have stayed consistent.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher noted that the golf course has been open for the past couple of days due to warmer weather and it is walking only, no carts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Recommendation to Council to approve the Superior Credit Union Sponsorship on the North Market Street Baseball Field Scoreboard** – Mr. Drake stated the Troy Baseball Boosters is proposing a smaller panel to be placed on the large scoreboard at the North Market Street Baseball Field than what the Sponsorship Recognition Options Menu. They are wanting to place a 30" x 12' rather than the 30" x 20'. Mr. Drake also highlighted that the donation was received prior to the Sponsorship Recognition Options Menu was created and with the amount they are wanting to donate, it would qualify for a 10-year sponsorship.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to recommend to Council to approve the Superior Credit Union Sponsorship on the North Market Street Baseball Field Scoreboard and for the 10-year term as requested due to the donation amount.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Presentation by Matt Williams on the final design plan for the Joe Reardon Skate Park** – Matt Williams, 522 S. Market Street, 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 has worked in the skateboard industry for 25 years and was instrumental in creating the first skate park in Troy. Mr. Williams wants to be a voice for the skateboard community and continue to see the vision come to life in the future.

After the initial presentation in April 2024 of the renovated skatepark, there was a survey that the Troy City Skate Park Unite was asking people to fill out so they could get the public to think and complete the survey. The survey resulted in 247 responses which were used to assist in the final design. Troy City Skate Park Unite focus will be to raise funds for the skate park updates and the City fund the other amenities. The final design is considered a Street Course and Street Courses are great for beginners and then up to professionals.

Below are the highlights for the final design for the updated Joe Reardon Skate Park.

- Three Ramps
- Two Bowls
- One Pump Track
- A Mogul and a Street Section

The Skate Park Elements (specialty work) estimate is \$1,500,000.00-\$1,800,000.00 for the skate park.

Highlights for the final design of the Joe Reardon Skate Park Amenities.

- A walking path around the perimeter of the park
- Public Restrooms
- Stormwater Pond
- Shad Structure
- Permanent seating throughout the park
- Multi-purpose Deck
- Parking Lot
- Updated Park Lighting
- Lighting and Landscaping throughout the park

The Master Plan Elements (non-specialty work) that the city would be responsible for is estimated around \$928,000.00.

Mr. Williams stated Troy City Skate Park Unite fundraising is underway and as of now they have close to \$50,000.00.

Mr. Drake noted the city is working on a Park and Recreation Master Plan and this presentation will be sent to the vendor that is assisting the city with the Master Plan. Mr. Drake stated there will be focus groups throughout the planning process and hopefully Troy City Skate Park United could have a representative to be a part of the focus group.

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

OTHER:

Mrs. Sue Knight, Clerk of Council, stated the Board of Park Commissioners are invited to a City Council, Committee of the Whole Meeting that will be chaired by the Council President on Monday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a presentation by POD Design LLC., the Landscape Architect Firm, regarding renderings of the recommended improvements to Prouty Plaza that could be a part of the Downtown Streetscape Safety Design Project.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
