

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – April 8, 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
 Mr. William Harrelson, Vice-President
 Mrs. Mona Anderson, Secretary

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

The minutes of the March 11, 2025, Board of Park Commissioners meeting was approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent, Jeremy Drake, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake noted that a bench was placed near the Broadford Bridge on East Main Street to honor the memory of 14-year-old Ellie Carder who passed away in 2024. Friends and family raised all the funds for the bench and the concrete base for the memorial. Mr. Drake stated staff have been busy preparing fields for the baseball, softball, and soccer fields for the games. Mr. Emerick questioned if any park property besides Treasure Island Park and the Monarch Butterfly exhibit had any flood damage due to the excess amount of rain that was received over the weekend. Mr. Drake stated Miami Shores had some flooding, and staff are now able to get back on the grounds. There was also flooding on the TIMBA course, and that area is still under water, so staff haven't been able to access the damage.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler stated the Winterguard International Championships are taking place in the Dayton area and teams are practicing at Hobart Arena. The arena is hosting the percussion prelims event all day on Thursday which will draw a lot of people from out of the area to Troy.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher noted the course is currently closed due to all the rain and flooding. Staff were able to get back onto the grounds on Monday. There are several holes that are inaccessible to get to and only two holes are currently water free. Staff communicate via email and social media on the course conditions and will continue to do so until the course is up and running. The Shoreline and clubhouse is open and the simulators are open for use.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donation from Habitat for Humanity – Mr. Drake stated Scott Barr, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby County, contacted us to see if the City of Troy Park Department would like to place a wood structure playhouse in one of the city parks that was built by volunteers of Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Drake feels the playhouse could be a good addition to the toddler area at Community Park. Mr. Drake feels they are well built but due to them being wood, the life span may not be that long due to the weather conditions.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to accept the wood structure playhouse and for it to be placed in Community Park. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Authorize the Park Board President to sign a letter of support for the City's application for a \$190,000.00 UVMC Community Benefit Fund Grant for the purchase and installation of accessibility turf to compliment the new ADA-accessible playground equipment at Duke Park. If the grant is approved, the City will provide the stamping of the UVMC logo onto the new accessibility turf at Duke Park. (The attached photos are examples of how a stamped turf may appear)** – Mr. Titterington,

Director of Public Service and Safety, stated the 2025 Budget included the replacement of all playground equipment at Duke Park, except the toddler equipment. The new equipment will all be ADA- accessible but the standard ground covering for playgrounds is wood chips. For the city to make it an ADA-accessible playground, we want to place specialized turf for the ground covering. There is a UVMC Community Benefit Fund (UVMCCBF) grant available for \$190,000.00 and the City would like to apply for the grant. If the grant is awarded to the City of Troy, the funds will be used to fund the specialized turf for the ground covering. If the funds are awarded, the City would like to recognize UVMC's generous contribution by stamping UVMC's logo onto the accessibility turf. This prominent recognition will symbolize our shared commitment to community enrichment and the enduring partnership between UVMC and the City of Troy.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to authorize the Park Board President to sign a letter of support for the City's application for a \$190,000.00 UVMC Community Benefit Fund Grant for the purchase and installation of accessibility turf to compliment the new ADA-accessible playground equipment at Duke Park. If the grant is approved, the city will provide the stamping of the UVMC logo onto the new accessibility turf at Duke Park. 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

- **Purchasing a replacement bucket truck for the Park Department in an amount not to exceed \$185,000** – Mr. Titterington stated the 2025 budget includes \$185,000 for a replacement buck truck for the Park Department. As this is a specialty vehicle, it is not available through State Purchasing or an approved purchasing cooperative. Therefore, it will be necessary to formally bid the vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to recommend to City Council to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the replacement bucket truck for the Park Department in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00.

OTHER:

- **Note receipt of a check from the William H. Maier Successor Trust in the amount of \$1,616.10** – Mr. Emerick noted that a check was received from the William H. Maier Successor Trust in the amount of \$1,616.10.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
