

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – June 9, 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, Director of Recreation
 Kyler Booher, Director of Golf
 City Staff
 Citizens

The minutes of the May 6, 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 thanked staff for assisting with the set up and tear down with the Strawberry Festival. He stated staff has worked very diligently working through the mowing season and the challenges of getting a mower repaired. Mr. Drake stated the new playground equipment has been delivered for Duke Park, but the installation date has not been determined. The Herrlinger Park playground equipment has been installed. Fencing enclosing the playground area will be installed. Concrete sidewalk to connect the parking lot to the playground area will be forthcoming. Excavation for the new Park Department building has started. Duke Park Pickleball Courts are closed due to painting.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler stated the arena staff has been busy getting the ice down for the summer ice season. Float-Troy has started and there are currently 81 reservations. Staff is also preparing for the Treasure Island Concert that is scheduled for Saturday, June 21. Mr. Siler stated the weather has impacted the aquatic park attendance but hopefully attendance will increase. All summer recreation programs are underway.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated golf rounds were down in May due to the weather, but June is off to a great start.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Provide a recommendation to City Council regarding amending the deed restrictions for the sale of Brukner Park to the Troy-Miami County Public Library** – Mrs. Charlotte Colley, Assistant Director of Public Service and Safety, stated in 2024, Council approved Ordinance No. O-31-2024, authorizing the sale of Brukner Park (400 W. Water Street) to the Troy-Miami County Public Library, following a recommendation to do so from the Board of Park Commissioners based on some conditions and/or deed restrictions.

The library has received grant funds to cover the purchase price of \$100,000. During discussions to close on the sale of the property, the Library Board objected to the deed restriction that reverts the property back to the City should the use or occupancy not fit with the specific purposes. The library has asked that the deed restriction be amended to read as follows:

“That the property shall be used for the use and purpose of promoting non-profit, library, educational, extra-curricular and interscholastic activities and other uses incidental and related thereto, but for no other purposes whatsoever, except as specifically provided herein.”

The Director of Law has advised that if the Board of Park Commissioners and Council are willing to amend the deed restriction, there needs to be a recommendation by the Board of Park Commissioners and then Council legislation to amend Ordinance No. O-31-2024.

Mr. Emerick questioned with removing the deed restriction, what would happen if the property were not used properly. Mrs. Colley stated the property would have the city’s zoning code. There would be restrictions on what could be placed there due to the location within the city. There would be a

full review of anything that would be without purpose. Mrs. Colley doesn't feel the library would be changing anything drastically with their programming. Mrs. Colley stated the library has funding through a grant available and the sale of the park land needs to take place by the end of 2025. Mr. Emerick stated the city is losing a park with this sale and would like to discuss this at the July Board of Park Commissioners meeting where all members will be present.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to table the recommendation to City Council regarding amending the deed restrictions for the sale of Brukner Park to the Troy-Miami County Public Library

- **Approval to accept a cash donation for the placement of a memorial bench for Derrec Webster at Miami Shores Golf Course** – Mr. Booher stated a loyal golfer at Miami Shores passed away this spring and a group Mr. Webster's friends want to donate funds to place a memorial bench in honor of Derrec Webster. Mr. Booher stated the bench will be placed on hole 14.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to accept a cash donation for the placement of a memorial bench for Derrec Webster at Miami Shores Golf Course.

OTHER:

- Lisa Sargent, 2965 Casstown-Sidney Road, Troy, Ohio, Treasure of the Troy Baseball Association stated several years ago members from the association came to the Board of Park Commissioners about possible updates to North Market Street Baseball Field. The members that presented at that time are no longer a part of the Troy Baseball Association, so the current members want to make sure they know who they need to work with to make sure the improvements are completed correctly. Mrs. Sargent stated the Troy Baseball Association has donations secured and are working with Level MB with future improvements. Mr. Emerick asked that the Troy Baseball Association work with Mr. Drake and when the improvements are finalized, they will be presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for approval.
- Rachel Via – Director of the Troy-Miami County Library, asked if there are any questions about the deed restrictions change. Mr. Emerick stated there are no questions but would like to have all Board of Park Commissioner Members present due to the selling of park land.
- Mayor Robin Oda stated the Troy Senior Center building has several updates that need attention.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
