

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – July 7, 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. Will 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
 Citizens

The minutes of the June 9, 2025, Board of Park Commissioners meeting was approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mr. Emerick.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent, Jeremy Drake, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake highlighted that the contractor started the construction of the pickle ball courts at Herrlinger Park and updates to the existing basketball court. He also highlighted that work on the new Park Department Building at Duke Park is progressing with concrete work and will hopefully start building the structure soon. Lastly, Mr. Drake stated the Robinson Reserve Shelters are finished and structures are complete. Mr. Scott Barr, Director of Habitat for Humanity, reached out and stated they would like to donate the benches and picnic tables for the shelters and deliveries have taken place. Mr. Drake thanked Mr. Barr and Habitat for Humanity for the donation and assistance with the delivery. Mr. Emerick highlighted that the Duke Park Pickle Ball Fences have been updated and questioned what signage will be placed at the new Herrlinger Park Pickle Ball Courts. Mr. Drake feels staff should observe how the courts are being used prior to placing signage.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler stated the Treasure Island Concerts this summer have had a nice turnout and hopefully the final concert on Saturday, August 2 will be well attended. He stated the pool had a tough start due to weather but the past couple of weeks have had good daily admission. Mr. Siler stated Float-Troy tents will be placed until August 10 and removed for a cleaning and then placed for one more weekend, August 22-24. Rentals for this season have been consistent.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes).

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

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

Mr. Harrelson questioned changing the verbiage of the original language and the property not reverting to the City. Mr. Emerick stated with the change, the property wouldn't go back to the City if the property is not used as deemed appropriate. Mr. Harrelson asked for the Law Director's opinion and Mrs. Sue Knight, Administrative Assistant, highlighted the following from the submitted memo. "The Director of Law has advised that if the Board of Park Commissioners and Council are willing to amend the deed restriction, there would need to be a recommendation by the Board and then Council legislation to so amend Ordinance No. O-31-2024. Mr. Emerick confirmed that if the Board of Park Commissioners recommend to City Council, City Council will then approve or deny the request and if they have any questions, they will ask the Law Director.

Mr. Harrelson asked Rachelle Via, Executive Director of Troy-Miami County Public Library, what concern the Library's Board of Trustees have with the language as it was proposed in the 2024 Ordinance. Mrs. Via stated the concern is the City is not giving the property to the library, the library is paying for the park land, and it could place a burden on anyone in the future if someone in the City determines the land is not being used for library purposes. Mrs. Via stated libraries have changed their purposes over time and if someone within the City decides the property isn't being used for library purposes, that could potentially be an issue. The library would like to have the park property since they offer over 60 programs per year, and library staff and programs use the park regularly. Mrs. Via stated that originally, they were informed there wouldn't be any deed restrictions, so the Library Board of Trustees were surprised when they found out there were deed restrictions. The Library Board of Trustees are trying to look years down the road for use of the park not just the immediate need and again, since libraries change their purposes over time, they want to make sure the property will remain theirs. Mrs. Knight stated certain uses for the property would be determined by the current zoning code as well. Mrs. Via agreed the land is governed by zoning code and the library will continue their programs on the property.

Mr. Emerick questioned what the current maintenance of the park property is? Mr. Drake stated there is a gazebo and a paver walkway.

Mr. Emerick asked what would happen to the memorabilia that is currently located in the park and Mr. Drake stated he will touch base with the Rotary Club to see what they would like to do with what is currently placed at the gazebo in Brukner Park.

Mr. Emerick stated that the original conversation with selling the property was due to the library wanting to expand but currently there is no expansion taking place.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to recommend to City Council for the sale of Buckner Park to the Troy-Miami County Public Library with the amendment to the deed restrictions contingent upon the Law Director approving the changes and that a solution is in place on how the previously gifted plaques will be handled. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Award the contract for the Park Department Bucket Truck to Altec Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$182,226.00** – Mr. Drake stated the bid was opened on June 18 and one bid was received from Altec Industries, Inc. of Birmingham, Alabama in the amount of \$182,226.00 based on the specifications provided as part of the bidding document. The anticipated delivery date is November 14.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to accept the bid from Altec Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$182,226.00, so that the contract can be processed and the truck order placed with delivery is currently estimated for mid-November.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Discussion of Annual Park Tours** – Mr. Emerick suggested that the August Board of Park Commissioners meeting be the Annual Tour of Parks. Mr. Emerick, Mr. Harrelson, and Mrs. Anderson agreed to meet on Tuesday, August 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the Park Department office.

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 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
