

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – September 2, 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 August 12, 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 noted the Troy City Skatepark Unite group will be hosting their annual fundraiser on September 20 at the Joe Reardon Skate Park and the Facility Use Agreement has been completed and approved. The funds are being raised for future improvements to the skatepark. Mr. Drake also stated that Donnie Knight with US Fish and Wildlife Services submitted and received a grant for funds for improvements to the TIMBA Course. More details to come as the plans move forward. Mr. Drake thanked Mr. Knight for all his efforts to improve the area.
Mr. Emerick questioned the status of the projects at Herrlinger Park. Mr. Drake stated the pickleball courts are still being constructed. Construction should be completed early October. The basketball court at Herrlinger Park is complete. The new playground is complete but the fence around the playground has not been installed.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler added that staff have started the process of placing new ice at Hobart Arena. This process usually takes a full week to complete.
Mr. Emerick questioned where the Troy Aquatic Park Season Park sales ended for the season and Mr. Siler stated passes were down by almost 50 season passes. Mr. Siler feels the pass sales were down due to the cooler weather in the first half of June.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated staff will be aerating greens and fairways within the next week. The course will be closed for one day to complete the process. Mr. Booher stated a couple of greens have been affected by the weather patterns and wear/tear especially the front 9 greens. Staff anticipate that after aerification, most of the greens will be able to reopen. Hole Number 6 green may need to stay closed longer due to the shape it is in. Mr. Emerick questioned the process of closing areas of the course and Mr. Booher stated that he will contact the Miami Shores Golf Advisory Board prior to any closings.
Mr. Booher stated he will be resigning from the position of Director of Golf in the coming months to pursue a career in Christian Ministry. Mr. Emerick thanked Mr. Booher for all his hard work throughout the years.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Consider the request of the Troy Baseball Boosters for the North Market Street Field Backstop Project which will become the property of the City of Troy. Provide any recommendation as necessary.** – Mrs. Lisa Sargent, President of the Troy High School Baseball Parents Association, seeking approval to complete updates to the North Market Street Baseball Field. Updates for Phase 1 include:
 - Backstop Construction
 - Demo and remove existing backstop

- Form, pour and finish concrete footer
- Build split-face masonry knee wall (includes field padding)
- Paint existing block wall dugouts
- Install new vinyl coated chain link fence and gates for field access
- Install new pole-to-pole tension netting system
- Regard/reseed
- Six-foot walkway that extends dugout to dugout (If finances aren't available in Phase 1, it will be a part of Phase 2)

The goal is to start Phase 1 as soon as possible so the field is ready for play next spring. Phase 1 will be at least a \$230,000 investment. As of now, the Troy Baseball Boosters Association has raised around \$180,000 with fundraisers and sponsorships and have a couple other grants in process. Mrs. Sargent is asking if the City has any funds available to assist with the updates.

Mr. Emerick confirmed with Mr. Drake that he has been working with the boosters' association throughout the process and will continue to do so. Mr. Drake asked Mrs. Sargent if the handicap ramp was still a part of the upgrades and she stated it will be a part of a future phase. Mr. Drake asked if the announcers' booth is more important than the handicap ramp and it was stated that there is an existing press box that will continue to be used.

Mr. Emerick and Mr. Harrelson like the plan and feel they will be great additions to the field and appreciate the Troy Baseball Boosters Association assistance to the updates.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mr. Emerick, to recommend to Council to accept the proposal for the Phase 1 Backstop Project at the North Market Street Baseball Field pending the review of the Law Director.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
