

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – October 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

The minutes of the September 2, 2025, Board of Park Commissioners meeting was approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent, Jeremy Drake, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake highlighted that staff were busy in the month of September. Staff were able to complete a lot of the fall project before the cold weather settles in. Mr. Drake stated the playground equipment at Duke Park has been removed. Staff are waiting to see if grant funds will be received from a grant staff applied for with The Duke Foundation. The outcome of the grant application will result in which type of ground covering will be used around the playground.
Mr. Drake stated if grant funds are received, turf safety surfacing ground covering instead of wood mulch.
Mr. Harrelson noted he is a board member on The Duke Foundation Board and stated he feels the city can find the funds to place the turf safety surfacing ground covering. Mr. Drake stated that when the project was originally budgeted in 2024, it was budgeted for wood mulch not the turf safety surfacing ground covering. After the equipment was ordered, staff applied for the grant funding to see if it was possible to receive grant funds so the turf safety surface could be installed. If the grant is not awarded, the city will need to move forward with placing the new playground equipment with the wood mulch ground covering. If the city proceeds with the wood mulch, the playground would be considered ADA compliant. If the grant funds are received and the city is able to have the turf safety surfacing ground covering installed, the playground would be considered ADA accessible.
Mr. Harrelson questioned next steps if the grant funds are not received and the Board of Park Commissioners want to pursue the turf safety surfacing and Mr. Drake stated next step would be contacting the Director of Public Service and Safety.
Mr. Harrelson feels a conversation with the Director of Public Service and Safety would be appropriate if the grant is denied. Mr. Harrelson also noted that when the playground equipment is updated in Community Park, the Board of Park Commissioners should be a part of the discussions.
Mr. Emerick highlighted that when the Community Park playground equipment is replaced, the equipment will
Lastly, Mr. Drake stated the City's Master Plan process is still ongoing but there will be more meetings soon and Legacy Sports Group is now an additional consultant and will assist in the future planning for football, baseball, soccer, and softball.
Mr. Emerick wanted an update on Herrlinger Park and Mr. Drake stated the updates are not complete. Staff have received complaints from the public stating there is not a connecting path from the parking area to the playground or the shelter. When the parking lot is completed, the sidewalk to the playground and shelter will be completed at the same time.
Mr. Drake stated the pickleball courts are not complete but should be completed before the end of the season.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes).

- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated the Shoulder Season will begin on October 16. Staff installed the simulators, and they are now able to be used.

Mr. Emerick asked when the course is in the winter season, is The Shoreline open and Mr. Booher stated there is staff on hand to complete the request.

Mr. Emerick asked about hole 6 green being closed and will it be closed every year. Mr. Booher stated that it will not be closed every year unless the condition is very poor and staff needs additional time to repair the green.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of proposed winter season green fees and cart pricing at Miami Shores Golf Course** – Mr. Booher submitted a request to update the winter golf rates at the Miami Shores Golf Course. The winter season is December through February, and this is the third year that the course will be open year-round. The recommended rates are a little higher than last year, but they are in accordance with the fees for 2025.

Mr. Emerick questioned whether rates are being raised by a dollar, but hole 6 green is missing? Mr. Booher stated that he hasn't heard of any concerns, and he feels the increase will be receptive.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mr. Emerick, to approve the winter golf rates recommended by the Director of Golf.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

OTHER:

- Note the receipt of a check from the William H. Maier Successor Trust in the amount of \$1,616.10.
- Paul Hinkleman, 920 Hickory Lane and a Miami Valley Pickleball Association Representative, thanked the Board of Park Commissioners for the work on the updates on the pickleball courts throughout city parks.

Mr. Hinkleman stated that the number of players increased this past year, especially in the evenings. Also, the City of Piqua and the City of Tipp City both added pickleball courts to their parks and hope that the City of Troy will continue to update the courts in Troy. He also stated the Miami Valley Pickleball Association was pleased to be a part of the focus groups for the City's Parks Master Plan but was unsure as to when the plan would be released. Mr. Emerick stated the timeline that has been told is the end of the year and there probably won't be immediate impact on the 2026 budget.

Mr. Hinkleman provided a list of items that the Miami County Pickleball Association would like to be placed or updated in 2026:

- New drinking fountain with bottle filler
- Completion of inside fences
- Paint fences (early in season so screens can be installed)
- Professional/Commercial Paddle Racks:
 - Qty 2, 12/paddle racks (Courts 1-6)
 - Qty 1, 16/paddle rack (Courts 7-12)
 - Qty 1, 8/paddle rack (Challenge Court)
- 2 new 32" nets (2 replacements each year)
- Porta-Potty closer to courts
- Electric outlet for luncheons and future tournament management equipment located at the park shelter adjacent to the South Courts (power nearby)
- More benches
- "Live" Camera on the Courts
- "Pickleball Only" Signs

2025/2026 Budget Requests:

- Lights for playing past dusk
- 4 new courts to the west of the existing courts
- New wind screens
- Conversion of 4 tennis courts in front of Hobart Arena to Pickleball
- Shade for east side of courts

Mr. Hinkleman noted that the 2025 season ended with 383 members belonging to the Miami Valley Pickleball Association.

Mr. Harrelson questioned whether the pickleball association does any fundraising for the group? Mr. Hinkleman stated the association doesn't have bank account and they are a sub function of The Troy Foundation (non-profit). The Miami Valley Pickleball Association have done fundraisers in the past and have requested funds from The Troy Foundation for lights and resurfacing but the foundation doesn't feel they should pay for high dollar items for the City. Mr. Harrelson asked if members are paying a fee to belong to the association, could the funds generated from the fees pay for a smaller item the association is requesting the city place at the courts? Mr. Hinkleman stated they could if there are compromises with the city, but they want to avoid paying for items to be placed at the courts.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
