

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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
 Mr. Will Harrelson, Vice-President
 Mrs. Mona Anderson, Secretary

Others Attending: City Staff
 Citizens

The minutes of the November 3, 2025, Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson.

The minutes of the November 10, 2025, Board of Park Commissioners Special meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent, Jeremy Drake, thanked staff patience with moving to the new location while performing daily duties. Currently, 75% of the Park Department equipment and supplies have been moved and hope to have the remaining items moved no later than Christmas. Mr. Drake stated Hobart Arena will be using the existing building to store items and if there is still space, some Park Department items will be stored inside instead of outdoors. Mr. Drake highlighted that besides moving the past several weeks staff have completed fall cleanup, Christmas light installation throughout the downtown and levee, and snow plowing/salting.
Mr. Emerick asked about the McKaig-Race Park Tree Planting Program. Mr. Drake stated 70 of the 100 trees were planted in the park and the remaining 30 were planted at the Robinson Reserve by the new shelters.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler noted that season passes to the Troy Aquatic Park are now on sale for the 2026 season. To date, 40 passes have been sold. Also, park shelter reservations for the 2026 season will begin on January 2.
Mr. Emerick thanked Mr. Siler for his 30 years of employment with the City of Troy.
- Director of Golf, Kyler Booher, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated the golf course has been closed for the past couple of weeks due to the snow. Registration is currently taking place for the simulator leagues this winter.
Mr. Booher stated his last day will be December 14 and thanked the Board of Park Commissioners and the City of Troy for this opportunity over the past seven years.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Appoint Tim Grieser to the position of Director of Golf at Miami Shores Golf Course** – Mr. Grieser comes to the City of Troy after serving for seven years as Tournament Director for the Southern Ohio PGA, where he directed over 40 annual events. Prior to the past seven years, he spent 18 years with the City of Springfield, including a tenure as Managing Golf Professional at Reid Park Golf Course. A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, that the Board of Park Commissioners appoint Mr. Tim Grieser as Director of Golf at Miami Shores Golf Course.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Presentation of H2Ohio River Corridor Project at Duke Park** – Mr. Donnie Knight with US Fish and Wildlife made a presentation on the Duke Park TMBA Oxbow Restoration. Below are some highlights of the project...
 - Restoration of the oxbow and why it is important
 - Sediment and Nutrient Traps
 - Reduction of flood energy
 - Critical fish habitat

- Migratory bird stopover and nesting/brood-rearing habitat
 - Unique Recreational opportunities
- The project area will be throughout the TMBA Course in Duke Park
- Adapting new opportunities with current land use
 - Mountain bike/hiking trail will remain
 - Box culverts for EMS access
 - Recent tree planting remains
- New opportunities when the project is completed
 - Wildlife viewing
 - Fishing
- The elevation levels will change throughout the different seasons
- Financial and administrative needs
 - Fully funded through H2Ohio Rivers Initiative (\$482,000.00)
 - Project design and construction oversight provided by US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Reporting and payments completed by City of Troy Parks (same process as the H2Ohio reforestation project)
 - Future management and enhancements: US Fish and Wildlife Service, City of Troy Parks, TMBA, and Volunteers
- What's next
 - Scope of work (Completed)
 - Application (Completed)
 - Contract (Drafted, ready for review and signature)
 - USFW will lead permitting process (90% completed)
 - Upon signed contract and account set up, work can begin

Mr. Drake stated these updates will help the TIMBA area at Duke Park with less maintenance by staff and the TIMBA Group.

Mr. Emerick questioned if this project is going to promote a fishing area, how are people going to be able to access the area. Mr. Drake stated that a conversation will need to take place with the TIMBA Group because right now the mountain bike trails have signage posted stating no pedestrian traffic, but staff will have to review the area and distinguish the best way to access the area.

Mr. Harrelson questioned if there will be any impact with the dam removal and Mr. Knight stated there will not be an impact either way.

Mr. Drake stated the contract will need to be reviewed by the Law Director and the Director of Public Service and Safety. If the contract can move forward, it will come back to the Board of Park Commissioners for approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Harrelson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson that the Board adjourns into Executive Session to consider compensation of Public Employees.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

At 4:36 p.m. the board adjourned into Executive Session.

At 5:35 p.m. the Board of Park Commissioners returned to regular session upon the motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
