

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – Monday, February 9 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

Others Attending: City Staff
 Citizen

The minutes of the February 9, 2026, Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent, Jeremy Drake stated staff is awaiting final grant documents from US Fish and Wildlife for the TIMBA Wetlands Project at Duke Park. Staff are waiting for an estimate from a paving company in regard to building a new entrance to the wetlands to preserve the existing entrance to Duke Park. Once the final document is prepared, it will be presented to the Board of Park Commissioners.
Mr. Emerick questioned the timeline for the project and Mr. Drake stated the project is hopeful to start late Spring of 2026. Mr. Drake confirmed the hours the construction would take place would be during the business day, so it won't affect visitors to Duke Park during evening hours.
Mr. Emerick thanked the Park Department staff for the work they provided with snow removal.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler thanked Park Department staff for their assistance at Hobart Areana with snow removal. During the heavy snowfall, there were several events at Hobart Arena, and the Park Staff did an excellent job keeping the parking lot passable.
Mr. Siler stated Troy Aquatic Park season passes continue to be on sale at a discounted rate. To date, 99 passes have been sold, which is a little less than years past.
- Director of Golf, Tim Grieser, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Grieser highlighted the Miami Shores Golf Advisory Board, which met the last Wednesday of January, and they will continue to meet the last Wednesday of each month going forward. The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Grieser stated the original flooring that was installed in The Shoreline was replaced with vinyl flooring and that has been completed. Staff will be purchasing mats to place in the high traffic areas to prolong the life of the flooring.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request the Board of Park Commissioners to authorize sending out Request for Proposals for the Tee Signs at Miami Shores Golf Course** – Mr. Grieser stated the current agreement related to the tee signs and mapping signs around Miami Shores Golf Course expires in February 2026. The city allows a vendor to place the signs at no fee, and the vendor sells advertising space which is defined by a set agreement that is satisfactory to the Director of Golf and meets statutory requirements as approved by the Director of Law. The original agreement was for a three-year period with three additional one-year periods upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to authorize staff to proceed with requesting for proposals for the new golf tee sign agreement for an initial three-year period and three additionally mutually agreed-upon one-year agreements.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Consideration of 2026 listing of events for Prouty Plaza and other park areas** – Administrative Assistant, Sue Knight, provided a list of proposed events and concerts that may be held on Prouty Plaza, Treasure Island Park, or other park properties. Mrs. Knight acknowledges some dates may change and the Board of Park Commissioners will be notified of the changes. Mrs. Knight stated that

with the upcoming Downtown Streetscape Project, some concerts and events may need to be relocated.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to approve the dates and locations for concerts and other activities at Prouty Plaza and other park property.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Recommendation to the Planning Commission for Sycamore Pointe Subdivision – Private Open Space instead of fees-in-lieu** – Austin Eidemiller, Planning and Zoning Manager, stated the applicant is requesting to provide open private space in the amount of 8.59 acres that totals about 15% of the development. Staff are recommending the acceptance of private open space instead of public park land due to the following:
 - Per the Existing Conditions Report of the Comprehensive Plan, the City provides nearly double the parkland per resident than the national average per NRPA.
 - Private Open Space is consistent with the adjacent subdivision (Reserve at Cliff Oaks).
 - The Parks Master Plan and Unified Development Code is in process for the completion that will provide further direction on future parkland and private open space.

Mr. Harrelson stated for the record this property he previously worked on for approval with the Planning and Zoning Department, but the property had a different owner at that time.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, recommend to Planning Commission a positive recommendation to accept private open space for the proposed development.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to add the following items to the agenda.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Accept the grants related to the playground surface turf at the Duke Park Playground** – In 2025 the city purchased new playground equipment to have installed at the Duke Park Playground but were pursuing grants to assist with the purchase of the playground surface turf so the playground would be ADA-accessible. Mr. Titterington stated the city recently received notification from The Troy Foundation and the UVMC Community Benefit Fund that the city will be receiving two grants totaling \$190,000 for the purchase of playground surface turf for the Duke Park Playground.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to accept grants from The Troy Foundation and the UVMC Community Benefit Fund for the playground upgrade and turf at Duke Park.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Recommendation to Council to advertise for bid the Duke Park Playground Safety Turf Project in an amount not to exceed the grant amount of \$190,000** – Mr. Drake stated the Board of Park Commissioners is needing to recommend to Council to bid the acquisition and construction of the turf.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to recommend to City Council authorization to bid the acquisition and construction of the surface and installation in the amount not to exceed \$190,000 for the Duke Park Safety Turf Project.

OTHER:

- Mr. Titterington stated Council Committee will be asking for City Council action related to the elements of the Park and Recreation Master Plan that was recommended to City Council. Council will be asking for proposals for updates to Duke Park. The proposals include in the future:
 - To donate \$410,000 to the Joe Reardon Skate Park Project in the future.
 - A reappropriation to the Park and Recreation Capital fund in the amount of \$2,650,000 for the following updates:
 - \$500,000 towards Community Park playground equipment and turf
 - \$2,100,000 towards updating the irrigation system at Miami Shores Golf Course
 - \$50,000 towards Phase 2 of the Troy Aquatic Park Design

- Lance Oaks, 853 Yankee Street, Dayton, Ohio stated he is the owner and developer of the Sycamore Pointe Subdivision, thanked the Board of Park Commissioners for their support of the private open space. He did state he still may add playground equipment and benches to the open space.
- Mr. Harrelson stated the Board of Park Commissioners were hoping to consider the Comprehensive Plan in today's meeting, but the board felt all three commissioners needed to be present to consider approval. It will be on the Board of Park Commissioners March Agenda.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
