

CITY OF TROY BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 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

The minutes of the January 21, 2026, Joint Board of Park Commissioners and Recreation Board meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Harrelson.

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, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake stated the bid specification for the Playground Turf for Duke Park Playground and Community Park Playground have been approved. The playground equipment at Duke Park will be installed in the coming weeks.
Mr. Emerick questioned the status of the improvements at the baseball fields at Archer Park and Mr. Drake said the infields will be rebuilt this spring and if weather doesn't allow, it will take place this fall.
- Recreation Director, Ken Siler, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler stated the RFP for the Park and Recreation Beverage Agreement is out and the recommendation will be presented at the March Meeting.
- Director of Golf, Tim Grieser, submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Grieser stated staff are finalizing the details for the upcoming irrigation project. Mr. Grieser noted the simulator league is finishing up. Staff have removed 26 trees throughout the course that were either dead or terminal.
Mr. Grieser stated he is looking to start up a Volunteer Player Assistant Program at the Miami Shores Golf Course. The volunteer Player Assistant Program is designed to enhance the golfer experience at Miami Shores by providing on-course support, pace-of-play assistance, and friendly customer service throughout the facility.
Mr. Emerick stated he attended the February Miami Shores Golf Advisory Board Meeting. It was highlighted that the meeting schedule is located on the Miami Shores Golf Course website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan** – Mr. Austin Eidemiller, Planning & Zoning Manager, stated the City of Troy is in partnership with American StructurePoint and Legacy Sports Group who have conducted a master planning process for our parks system that led to the creation of the Park and Recreation Master Plan. The plan was developed through a comprehensive, multi-phase planning process designed to ensure that the future park investment aligns with community needs, demographic trends, accessibility requirements, and long-term goals of the city with an emphasis of public engagement. The planning process involved extensive public engagement efforts that included:
 - A community survey with 882 responses
 - In-Person outreach during the Troy Strawberry Festival
 - Steering Committee and Stakeholder Involvement
 - A public presentation of initial recommendations in December 2025 and January 2026
 - Additional work session with the Park Board and the Recreation BoardMr. Eidemiller stated the Recreation Board approved the Master Plan at their February 2025 meeting. Mr. Harrelson thanked City Staff, American StructurePoint, Legacy Sports Group, and all of the volunteers for all their time to create the final draft of this plan. Mr. Harrelson feels this Master

Plan will come in great use for some significant improvements with our parks over the next many years and it will be a great tool for the Park Board to reference in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Provide a recommendation to City Council that the May 8, 2026 Troy Truck Yard event be held at Herrlinger Park with the event to include the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer only)** – Development Director, Mr. Tim Davis, stated that starting in 2019, the City has held the Troy Truck Yard event in different areas to help promote the riverfront area in general. The Troy Truck Yard is a casual pop-up event, featuring music, food, and beverages. These events have been popular in the past.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to recommend to Troy City Council that the 2026 Troy Truck Yard event be held at Herrlinger Park on May 8, with the event to include the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer only).

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Additional events that may include use of public property – Community Park for National Night Out on August 4** – Administrative Assistant, Sue Knight, stated the past few years, National Night Out has been held in neighborhoods and prior to that it was a major event that was held in Community Park. The School Resource Officers has suggested holding the event at Community Park again this summer. The event will be free on August 4 in the evening and will include games, food, and first responders will be on hand.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Harrelson, to approve the addition to the event list for National Night Out to be held in Community Park on August 4, 2026.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Recommending to Troy City Council leasing the Barn in the Park building to the Community Improvement Corporation** – Director of Public Service and Safety, Mr. Patrick Titterington, stated the current lease for the Barn in the Park building has expired. Staff is recommending that the building be leased to the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) so that the CIC can handle future leases of the building on behalf of the city. Transfer of the property would be conditioned upon the CIC continuing the same terms and conditions as were included in the most recent lease. The Director of Law has advised that the lease of the building to the CIC is permitted by the ORC.

Mr. Emerick confirmed that the Barn in the Park is currently owned by the Board of Park Commissioners, but the lease would be with the CIC.

Mr. Harrelson questioned if there are any immediate maintenance needs for the Barn in the Park. Mr. Drake stated the roof will be replaced soon and there will be new trim work completed but none of the work is conditioned based on this lease being finalized.

Mr. Harrelson stated he has heard feedback and would like more time to review this request. The Board of Park Commissioners agreed to discuss this at the April Meeting.

- **Discussion of adding one additional ad panel to the North Market Street Baseball Scoreboard** – Mr. Drake stated the Baseball Parents Association are short on funds to complete the current improvements at the North Market Street Baseball Field and they are exploring ways to offer more space for sponsorships on the current scoreboard. They want to add another panel below the existing one to increase more sponsorship funds.

Mr. Emerick confirmed they want to add one more panel below the existing one. Mr. Emerick questioned the colors that will be on the additional panel and Mr. Drake stated it will be a blank white panel, but the additional colors could be added in a company logo. Mr. Drake stated they will not be able to add any more panels below the one that is being requested because it will be below the fence line.

Mrs. Anderson asked if they would be able to add banners to the fence and Mr. Drake stated if there are banners placed on the fence, it would violate the sign code that is in place.

Mr. Harrelson asked if staff is looking to change the sign ordinances based upon the changes coming to the zoning code and Mr. Davis confirmed changes will be submitted to the Planning Commission

within the coming months but Mr. Davis stated the changes that could be coming would not have any effect on what is being proposed.

Mr. Emerick questioned if a business chooses to advertise, how long will the advertisement be displayed, and Mr. Drake thought the advertisement was in place for three years.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, approve adding one additional ad panel to the North Market Street Baseball Scoreboard. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Discussion of Carriage Crossing Park Sign with section added** – Mr. Drake stated the Board of Park Commissioners approved a sign to be placed in Carriage Crossing Park in August 2016 stating the generous land was donated by the founder of Arc Abrasives, Inc. Zerla Stayman. The sign has never been placed by the Carriage Crossing Park Sign and the donor of the property recently reached out the City asking to have the sign placed.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to approve the sign rendering that was provided and be added to the existing Carriage Crossing Park Sign.

MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

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

Respectfully submitted,
