

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – November 2, 2021 4:00 PM
Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kappers, President.

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Kappers, President
 Mr. Richard Jordan Emerick, Vice-President
 Mrs. Susan Westfall, Secretary

Others Attending: Jeremy Drake, Park Superintendent
 Ken Siler, Recreation Director
 Kyler Booher, Director of Golf
 Robin Oda, Mayor
 City staff
 Citizens

The minutes of the October 4, 2021 Joint Board of Park Commissioners and Recreation Board meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent Jeremy Drake submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake highlighted that he is still working through the new day to day reporting system. Mr. Kappers asked how the report formulates the cost per each task and Mr. Drake noted there is a formula uploaded into the system which results in information to be automatically figured. Mrs. Westfall inquired about the date for the ground breaking of the Robinson Reserve and Mr. Drake stated staff is trying to find a good date to host the event.
- Mr. Siler submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). In addition to the report, Mr. Siler stated the arena has been very busy with the events and with hockey season starting. Mrs. Westfall questioned the attendance at the events that have been held and Mr. Siler feels that people are still hesitant to attend indoor events but some upcoming concerts are having good sales.
- Mr. Booher submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). In addition to the report, Mr. Booher stated the daily rounds being played are starting to slow down but they are still busy for the time of year.
- Mr. Kappers has nothing to add from the Planning Commission.

OTHER:

- **Jillian Rhoades, City of Troy Engineer – Request Utility Easement and Temporary Easement for Menke Park for the West Main Street Improvement Project** – Mrs. Rhoades explained that as Menke Park will be within the West Main Street Improvement Project, a utility easement and temporary easement is needed for work within the park. This will have a minimal impact on Menke Park. A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, to authorize the Park Board President to execute the utility easement and temporary easement, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, motion approved unanimously.
- **Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with the Troy-Miami County Public Library about purchasing Brukner Park** – The Troy-Miami County Public Library presented an updated MOU and are interested in compensating the City \$48,000 for Brukner Park. Attached to the original minutes is the MOU request. Mr. Kappers referred to the Memorandum of Understanding provided by the Troy-Miami County Public Library that would result in the City transferring the property known as Brukner Park to the library in exchange for some compensation, with the library committing to maintaining the rod iron fence and continue to honor the Troy Rotary within the park. The board was advised that the Director of Law has stated that state law permits the board to transfer park land to a public library and to receive compensation. Mr. Kappers commented that in his opinion, the MOU provided is more of a purchase agreement. It was also noted that should the park be transferred to the library, there would be no method of enforcing any provisions regarding the park. Board members indicated a preference of knowing a new library would be constructed prior to considering the park transfer. The board

members wanted to make sure that the Troy Rotary Club's investment in Brukner Park and the gazebo within the park was protected. Mr. Kappers suggested that the park superintendent contact library representatives and express that the board is on the same page as initially by providing the library Brukner Park but they are concerned with the wording of the current MOU and if the library actually wants the park in their name prior to the new library construction and that is an issue with the board. The board also clarified that if Brukner Park is no longer owned by the City, the City will no longer maintain the park grounds.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,