

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2023 4:00 PM
Council Chambers, Troy, Ohio

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

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

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

The minutes of the May 2, 2023 Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous vote, following a motion from Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall.

REPORTS:

- Mr. Drake submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake wanted to thank the Park Department Staff for their hard work over the past several months. Due to unexpected staffing issues, the staff pulled together to complete the work in a timely manner. He also thanked other departments for helping mow where it was needed.
Mr. Emerick asked if all the park signs have been installed and Mr. Drake stated with the staffing issues, they are behind in getting them placed but staff does plan to get the remainder installed as soon as possible.
Mr. Kappers asked about the status of WACO Park and Mr. Drake noted the park has been sold and all the park signage has been removed.
- Mr. Siler submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler noted that the season passes sold to date are 440. The TAP is off to the best start the pool has ever had since it was remodeled. Mr. Kappers asked about overcrowding the pool with attendance and Mr. Siler stated they haven't had to worry about it at this point. Mr. Siler highlighted they are fully staffed and they can maintain high daily attendance due to have staff on hand.
- Mr. Booher submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher stated the Maintenance Shed is being constructed and the potential mold has been treated to eliminate future issues. The shed should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request for a tent and a cookout at Treasure Island Park** – Salome Hekate, City of Troy Management Analyst, stated Collins Aerospace is requesting permission to place a 40' by 40' tent at Treasure Island Park to accommodate approximately 200 employees and guests for the Independence Day celebration. The company is also asking to allow use of grills for a cookout. If the request is approved, the company understands that the Facility Request/Agreement must be obtained, approved tent permit, the tent must be erected at the location selected by the Park Superintendent, all tent provisions, Fire Department requirements must be followed, and is responsible for cleanup of the area.
A motion was made by Mrs. Westfall, seconded by Mr. Emerick to allow Collins Aerospace to place a 40' by 40' tent at Treasure Island Park for an Independence Day Celebration.
MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE
- **Request to purchase park land** – Mr. Kappers stated the Board of Park Commissioners received a request from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cain to purchase a piece of property located on Stonebridge Drive, Troy, Ohio which is owned by the City of Troy. Mr. Kappers noted the property is located near to Concord School. Mr. Kappers questioned does the City want to sell the property? If we do want to sell

it, what is the value? The lots right now sell for \$75,000 and Mr. and Mrs. Cain are offering \$30,000. Mr. Kappers feels the property is a nice open green space for the neighborhood and doesn't feel the property should be sold. Mr. Drake agreed the property is used by the neighborhood. Mrs. Westfall asked if we are required to offer greenspace and Mr. Kappers stated we accepted the fees-in-leu so we can sell the property. Mr. Emerick stated he wasn't familiar with the property and would like more time to evaluate the land.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall to table the request to purchase the park land. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Authorizing the annual one-year extension for the Miami Shores Golf Course tee signs** – Mr. Booher stated this is a renewal with the agreement that is currently with Golf Graphic for the tee signs located at Miami Shores Golf Course. Golf Graphics has provided the maintenance with the signs and have been very good to work with in the past.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall to approve the one-year extension for the Miami Shores Golf Course tee signs. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Approval for signs to be placed at the Pickleball Courts at Duke Park** – Paul Hinkleman, President of the Miami County Pickleball Association, thanked Recreation Assistant Director, Carrie Slater for facilitating a CPR class for pickleball players to attend. The class was very well received.

Mr. Hinkleman stated the Miami County Pickleball Association is requesting to have signs placed on the fences at the Duke Park Pickleball Courts explaining the rules of the game so visitors know the rules and what type of play is expected during specific time frames. Mr. Kappers questioned the amount of information listed on each of the signs and requested the information be simplified. Mr. Hinkleman stated they would look at other facilities signs and will simplify the information posted.

A motion was made by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mr. Emerick to approve posting the signs under the direction of the Park Superintendent. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

OTHER:

- Mr. Kappers announced that as of June 22, 2023 he will no longer be a resident of the City of Troy and he will resign effective that date. Mayor Oda stated the appreciation of all Mr. Kappers time and dedication to the Park Board the past 42 years. Due to Mr. Kappers moving, he resigns from the President position on the Board of Park Commissioners and being the Board of Park Commissioners representative on the Planning Commission. Mr. Kappers recommended the Board of Park Commissioner reorganize the officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mrs. Westfall to appoint Mr. Emerick as President, Mr. Kappers as Vice-President. MOTION PASSED, UNANIMOUS VOTE

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Kappers seconded by Mrs. Westfall, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
