

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**March 17, 2015**  
**MOTION SUMMARY**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Councilmember Chris Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Matt Polites, Nicole LaMar-Nelson, Allyson Lash, Dianna Hibinger, Joshua Bricker, Councilmember Chris Jones, and Vice-Chairwoman Jennifer Davis

Members Absent: Gretchen Bowling, Julie German, and Lucas Ratliff

Staff Present: Stacy Davenport, Parks Superintendent, Dan Whited, Public Service Group Director, and Linda Mathews, Customer Service Liaison

YMCA Staff Present: Jeremy Byers, Senior Director of Youth and Adult Sport/Recreation/Community Programs

ITEM 2. MOTION TO EXCUSE

**Motion:** Mr. Polites moved to excuse, Ms. Bowling, Ms. German, and Mr. Ratliff, seconded by Councilmember Jones. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION of New Board Members

Councilmember Jones introduced Dianna Hibinger

ITEM 4. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held February 17, 2015 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Ms. LaMar Nelson moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held February 17, 2015, seconded by Mr. Polites. Motion approved by a 5-0-2 (Jones, Davis) vote.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dustin Abels  
247 Harmony Drive  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Abels presented a proposal to provide pickle ball courts in the city parks. Information was provided on the sport of pickle ball. Currently 30 YMCA members actively play at the YMCA, and that some of the participants recently participated in the Arnold Classic. The proposal provided the conversion of some of the existing tennis courts at Mingo Park into pickle ball courts. Mr.

Abels explained that Mingo Park would be a desirable location, as the trees would provide a buffer from the wind, as well as, provide a central location to the downtown district. Mr. Abels stated that there is no league set up in Delaware, but that this is something that they would like have formed in the future.

Linda Hill  
5300 Bayside Ridge Drive  
Galena Ohio

Ms. Hill spoke of the growing interest in the sport and that she travels to the YMCA to play pickle ball.

Gary Meckler  
74 Griswold Street  
Delaware Ohio

Dr. Meckler informed the Board that he learned to play pickle ball at the Upper Arlington's Recreation Center and that they had painted lines on the existing tennis courts and would use portable nets.

Councilmember Jones proposed the use of sharing the gym space at the National Guard building, when it was available to increase the times to provide designated space.

Mr. Whited stated that recreation levy funds were specifically designated for tennis courts and would need to present the idea to the Recreation Levy Sub-Committee. Mr. Davenport plans to discuss the proposal of pickle ball at an upcoming meeting with a contractor that was set up on the tennis court improvements.

**Motion:** Mr. Polites moved to recommend that parks and recreation staff investigate and provide feasibility analysis on the conversion of the existing tennis courts to pickle ball courts, seconded by Ms. Hibinger. Motion approved by a 7-0 vote.

ITEM 6. UPDATE on YMCA Recreation Service

Mr. Byers introduced Jake Bonofiglio, Youth Development Director at the YMCA, to the Board.

Mr. Byers provided an update on the babysitting class that had twelve students enrolled. Mr. Byers stated that basketball was ending and that baseball registration had begun, as well as, registration for soccer clinics. Adult softball registration is currently open and information was emailed to teams from the previous year. Mr. Byers stated that the Daddy Daughter Dance had over 309

registered participants. The Mother Son Super Hero Party will take place on March 20, 2015 at Mingo Park and has over 300 participants registered. Mr. Byers also provided information on the Easter Egg Hunt which is to take place April 4, 2015 at Veterans Park.

Ms. Lash discussed the breakdown for programs that are offered by the City of Delaware compared to programs offered by the YMCA. Ms. Lash discussed the need to increase the awareness of what programs are through the City of Delaware. Mr. Bricker discussed the need for the City of Delaware to receive more credit for programs that are funded through the city.

#### ITEM 7. ADDITIONAL Discussion of Board Reorganization

Mr. Whited asked if the Board had any questions or thoughts on the reorganization. There were no current questions or discussion.

Mr. Whited stated that the consulting firm, Stantec, was in attendance to present the Bike Plan Update.

#### PRESENTERS:

Brian Hagerty, Stantec Transportation Engineer  
Eric Lowry, Stantec Transportation Planner  
1500 Lake Shore Drive  
Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Hagerty and Mr. Lowry provided a presentation that discussed the need for a bike plan, and explained that many of the current bike paths are not connected to each other. They discussed the need to become a more bike friendly community, and the process to get there. Also presented, was the need for safety education and the need to enforce laws to promote safety.

A discussion was held on what role that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board could play in assisting with the comprehensive bike plan.

#### ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Davenport stated that the bid for Veterans Park will be placed at the beginning of April. Mr. Davenport informed the Board that Hidden Valley Golf Course opened March 16.

#### ITEM 9. MEMBER COMMENTS

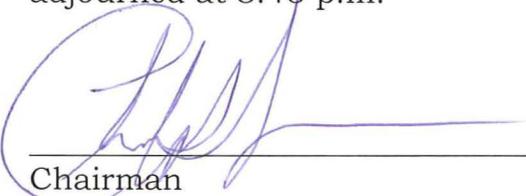
Ms. Lash voiced her concern that the YMCA website does not clarify recreation programs through the City of Delaware compared to programs through the YMCA. Councilmember Jones provided information on the partnership of the YMCA and the City of Delaware.

Mr. Bricker discussed the plan to reorganize the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and informed the Board members that the City of Dublin is disbanding their split program, and going back to one board.

Councilmember Jones voiced a concern regarding a conversation that he had with Councilmember Keller regarding the upcoming Super Hero party at the YMCA. He expressed a concern that the party was closed for future registration and that some of the attendees to the party are not residents of the City of Delaware. Further stating that the residents in the City of Delaware pay taxes for the recreation programs and not able to attend due to participants from other cities. Councilmember Jones also discussed the need to provide a discount for events to City of Delaware residents. Ms. Mathews plans to discuss these concerns with the YMCA.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Davis moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, seconded by Ms. LaMar-Nelson. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



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Chairman



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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk