

CITY OF DELAWARE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MOSES BYXBE ROOM
500 EAST LINCOLN AVE
7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

MAY 19, 2015

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held April 21, 2015 as recorded and transcribed.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. ELECTION of Chair and Vice-Chair
5. UPDATE of May 12 Bike Path Master Plan Public Meeting
6. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services
7. UPDATE of Parks Activities
8. STAFF COMMENTS
9. MEMBER COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 2

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
April 21, 2015
MOTION SUMMARY

ITEM 1. Roll Call

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

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

Members Absent: Gretchen Bowling

City Staff Present: Stacy Davenport, Parks Superintendent, Dan Whited, \Public Service Group Director

YMCA Staff Present: Matt Bruns, Executive Director

Motion: Mr. Polites moved to excuse Ms. Bowling, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Davis. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held March 17, 2015 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Mr. Polites moved to approve the motion summary for the meeting held March 17, 2015, seconded by Ms. Hibinger. Motion approved by a 7-0-2 (German, Ratliff) vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dustin Abels
247 Harmony Drive
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Abels asked the Board if there was any progress made from the previous discussion of pickle ball.

Mr. Whited discussed that an evaluation was completed on the potential cost estimates for placement of courts at Smith Park, Blue Limestone Park, and Mingo Park. Mr. Whited provided the estimated cost, and discussed the potential use of changing the basketball courts into pickle ball courts at Blue Limestone Park. Mr. Whited informed the Board that staff recommends a pilot program with two designated courts at Blue Limestone Park, as the location will provide decreased winds and has potential space for future expansion. Mr. Whited explained that the cost will include the courts surface, fencing, nets and striping.

Phyllis Messer
315 Morgan Court
Delaware Ohio

Ms. Messer voiced her concern over the lack of court lights at Blue Limestone Park. Mr. Whited explained that park hours are from dusk to dawn.

Bob Klumpp
117 W. Heffner Street
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Klumpp discussed the opportunity for the City to provide the courts and questioned the need for possible expansion of the program. Mr. Whited explained that the program would be a program pilot that can be reevaluated at a later time.

Motion: Mr. Polites moved to recommend to City Council the consideration of staff recommendations for pickle ball at Blue Limestone Park, seconded by Councilman Jones. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION of Bike Path Master Plan

Mr. Whited recommended to the Board that a public hearing be held on May 12, 2015 in City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. with the consultant to address questions and inform the public of priorities. Mr. Whited explained that the consultant will provide an update at the regular scheduled meeting May 18, 2015.

ITEM 5. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services

Mr. Matt Bruns discussed the recent graduation of the Live Strong Program. Mr. Bruns also provided an update on the recent Youth in Government State Conference program indicating that 12 local teens participated. Mr. Bruns reviewed the youth sports programs and the adult's sports programs.

Councilmember Jones voiced a concern on the Easter Egg Hunt and that the division of age groups did not have complete dividers, which cause other groups to enter into the wrong area.

Councilmember Jones requested the philosophy of the YMCA compared to DYAA soccer program. Mr. Bruns reviewed the YMCA philosophy in which, children will receive fundamentals knowledge and knowledge of games.

ITEM 6. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Whited provided an update on the potential Ironman program. Mr. Whited explained that bids for the Veteran's Park Splash and Play were over the expected budget.

Mr. Davenport provided information on the Arbor Day Celebration at the YMCA set for April 25, 2015.

Mr. Davenport provided an update on the Hidden Valley Golf Course. Mr. Davenport informed the Board that all parks have been fertilized and the future site of the dog park has been over seeded and fertilized.

ITEM 7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Jones discussed the potential for separation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and that he would recommend that the Board does not split into two different groups. Councilmember Jones feels that the Board is able to handle both the parks and recreation aspects and would like to get more park updates. A discussion was held with the Board to remain as one group.

Vice-Chairwoman Davis voiced her support over the pickle ball being recommended to Council to Blue Limestone Park.

Vice-Chairwoman Davis discussed with staff what type of volunteers or level of assistance can the Board provide to the Parks Department. Mr. Davenport discussed that he would like for the Board to monitor any concerns at the parks and notify him of questions or concerns to help improve the maintenance of the parks.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Polites moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Davis. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

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CITY OF DELAWARE

YMCA/Recreation Services

Recreation programs listed below are now coordinated through the YMCA

I. Youth Programs/Classes

- A. Fencing (Adult and Youth) started April 12 with 10 youth and 8 Adults at Mingo Park. Additional classes will be added this summer.
- B. 12 local Teens are attended the Youth in Government State Conference April 16-18. 3 of our 5 bills were signed into law.
- C. New Partnership with Delaware City Schools to bring more Summer Enrichment options including: cooking, Spanish, French, Computer Animation, Wilderness Survival, Football Fundamentals, Science and much more. All classes are a week long and run 8:30-11:00am. Register at the Delaware YMCA.

Youth Sports Programs

- D. Youth baseball/softball practices have started. We have 733 participants. Games are set to start the week of May 18th.
- E. We had our first Youth Baseball/Softball recreation day at the Delaware Hayes Baseball game. There were about 100 kids that took part.
- F. Tennis lesson and golf lesson information is out and open for registration.

II. Adult Programs/Classes

- A. Diabetes Prevention Program beginning in June. Participants learn about healthy eating and increasing their physical activity, with the goal of reducing their body weight by 7% and increasing their physical activity to 150 minutes per week.
- B. We will have adult beginner swim lessons over at Mingo in June and Adult intermediate swim lessons at the YMCA in July.

III. Adult Sports Programs

- A. Adult softball games have started. We are running leagues on Thursday and Sunday nights.
- B. 10 Teams signed up for Kickball. Games are started) on Sunday, April 12 in the afternoon at Veterans Park. 5 Week Season.

IV. Jack Florance Pool & Pool Programs

- A. Swim Lessons- June 2nd-June 25th Twice a week and July 7th-July30th 4 times a week for 2 weeks (2 sessions total)
- B. LG class scheduled for June 8-12
- C. Scuba Diving will start July 9th and run for 6 weeks
- D. Purchased 100+ chairs. Pools scheduled to be up and ready by May 15.
- E. Opening day is May 23!

V. Special Events

- A. About 500 participants attended the Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA with over 20 local partners, 5K/1Mile Run/Walk, Blood Drive and more.
- B. Movies @ Mingo Returns in June: Hook (June 19th), Big Hero Six (July 17), Annie (August 21). Movies start at 8:15pm by the playground.

VI. Issues/Concerns

VII. Shelters/Reservations

VIII. Staff

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Parks and Natural Resources
April 2015
Activity Report

Parks Citizen Requests:

Debris Clean Up	4
Field Prep/Postings	22
Inspection/Repair Equipment	7
Mowing	1
Parks (297 hrs)	
Right-of-Way (104 hrs)	
Special Project (Quotes, Footer)	2

Forestry Division Service Requests

Tree Inspections/Accident Related	3
Miscellaneous Inspections	1
Viability Inspection	10
Pruning	3
Cost Share Participation	1
Warranty Replacement	1

Oak Grove Cemetery Citizen Requests

Interments	7
Exhumations/Re-interment	2

Community Gardens (Blue Limestone)

7 of 9 plots rented

Concession Stands

Smith Park South	Rocky's Italian Ice	Adult Softball/Youth Football
Mingo	DYAA	Youth Soccer, Baseball & Softball
Mingo	Kona Ice	Youth Soccer, Baseball & Softball

Adopt-A-Park

Blue Limestone	Hayes Student Council
Eastside Park	Alpha Group
Veterans Park Trail	Girl Scout Troup 2055

Hidden Valley Activities

	Memberships Sold (YTD)	Rounds Played 04/01/15-04/30/15
Family	5	45
Non-Resident Family	3	29
Senior	20	243
Non-Resident Senior	4	48
Single	2	10
Student	1	28

Non Membership Rounds Played (04/01/15-04/30/15) 737

	Punch Cards Sold	Rounds Played
Riding	5	5
Senior	15	17
Single	14	13
Student	6	13

Specials Sold

Lunch	6
18 Hole/Cart for \$25	6
9 Holes/Small Bucket Range Balls	21



Parks and Natural Resources Fast Facts by the Numbers

Parks

24 Parks
19 Neighborhood Parks
5 Community Parks
368 Acres of Park Land
21.5 Miles of Bike Paths
14 Parks with trails
9 Community Gardens
12 Baseball/ Softball fields
31 Soccer fields
2 Lacrosse/ football fields
1 Skate Park
9 Tennis Courts
13 Shelters/ Gazebos
19 Large Play Toy Structures
85 Landscaping Beds

Oak Grove Cemetery

72 Acres
21,000 Plus burials
100 Burials averaged per year
50 Lot Sales averaged per year
60 Marker foundations averaged per year

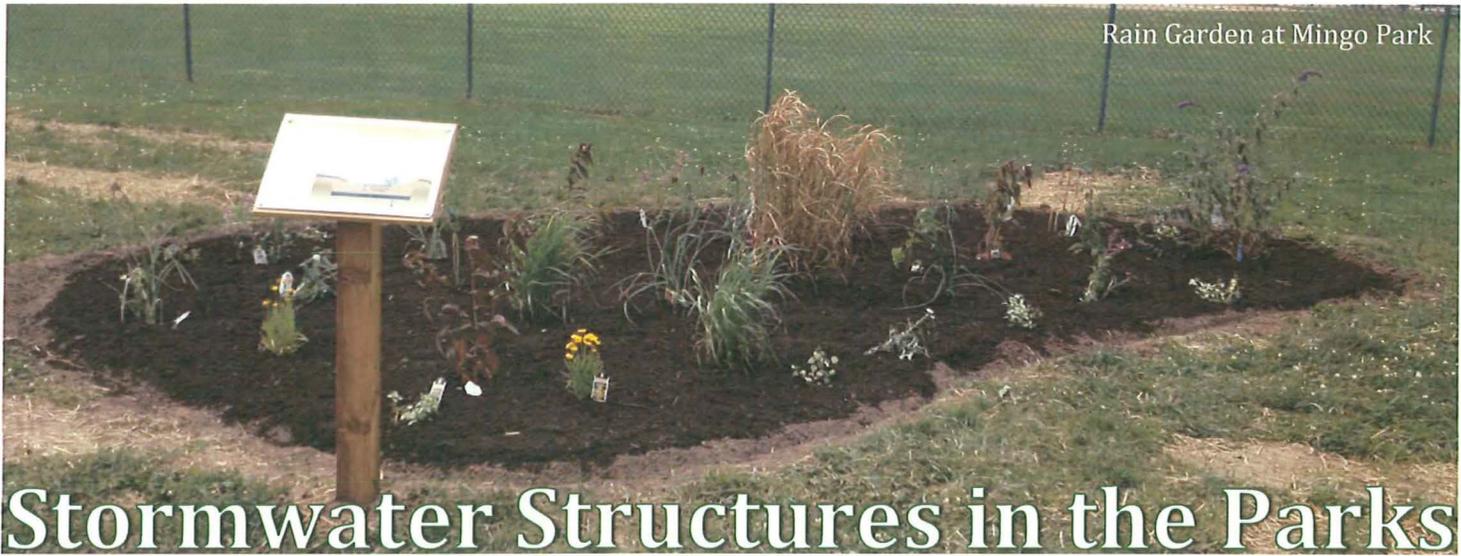
Hidden Valley Golf Course

9 Hole Executive Golf Course
1910 Average Buckets of Range Balls sold
1136 Average League Rounds Played
4063 Average Regular Rounds Played
4210 Average Senior/ Student Rounds Played
3355 Average Riding Cart Rentals
1092 Average Pull Cart Rentals
1149 Punch Cards Sold
77 Average Memberships Sold

Urban Forestry

\$14.2 Million Estimated Value
17,659 City Trees
957 Average Trees Pruned Per Year
326 Average Trees Planted Per Year
97 Average Tree Removed Per Year
34 Years of Tree City USA

ITEM 8



Stormwater Structures in the Parks

Summer 2015

City of Delaware Public Utilities Department

Parks in the City of Delaware

As the weather continues to become warmer and more inviting, the City of Delaware encourages its residents and visitors to make a trip to the City of Delaware Parks. The City manages 19 neighborhood parks, 5 community parks, a nature walk, and a golf course. Of those, 8 neighborhood parks, 3 community parks, and the golf course have stormwater infrastructure designed to benefit our local water quality.

Some stormwater or green infrastructures found in the City of Delaware and surrounding communities include rain gardens/bioretention areas, bioswales, wetlands, buffer strips, and pervious pavement. There are many other stormwater infrastructures that are

Upcoming Events:

- Rain Barrel Workshop
June 5th @ First Friday
- Watershed Festival
June 20th @ Mingo Park
- Whetstone Creek Clean-up
July 11th @ Delaware Reservoir

Upcoming events are posted and updated on our website at:
http://www.delawareohio.net/Departments/Public_Uilities/storm_water.aspx

used to treat our stormwater, but may not be found in the City of Delaware at this time.

Rain Gardens

A rain garden or bioretention area is an attractive depression that catches stormwater runoff from rooftops, driveways, sidewalks, roads, and other impervious surfaces. Deep rooted, water and drought tolerant plants are used in this garden to help absorb some of the rainfall. Some central Ohio plants that are recommended for rain gardens and bioretention areas are black-eyed Susan, blue flag iris, butterfly milkweed, marsh blazing star, purple coneflower, sedges, sweet flag, and wild geranium.

As the City of Delaware continues to grow, forests and agricultural land are being replaced with impervious surfaces (roads, sidewalks, rooftops, etc.). This is causing the amount of stormwater runoff to increase, leading to flash flooding in areas, more pollutants being carried to our waterways, and less available habitat for wildlife. Rain gardens and bioretention areas can help with each of these problems.

Currently, the City of Delaware has two parks that have rain gardens installed; Kensington and Mingo. Blue Limestone Park has bioretention areas being installed during 2015.

Bioswales

A bioswale is an engineered open channel or ditch-like feature, designed to remove silt and pollution from surface stormwater runoff. This swale is typically planted with native taller grasses to slow down the stormwater runoff. The slower speed allows the silt and pollutants to settle out of the water as it is travelling through the open channel.

Stratford Park is the only park in the City of Delaware that has a bioswale, at this time.

Wetlands

As mentioned in our Spring 2013 newsletter, wetlands are areas that are dampened or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support vegetation. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs and other similar areas. Wetland areas are able to absorb or filter out nutrients, sediment, bacteria, and harmful pollutants before they reach our major water bodies. In the event of river overflows, wetlands can also help absorb the water's momentum and slow the floodwaters.



Wetlands behind Glenwood Commons

Buffer/Filter Strips

Filter or buffer strips are areas of land that are either planted or natural vegetation, situated between a potential pollutant-source area and a surface water body that receives runoff. They are designed to protect the surface water body by filtering out pollutants such as excess nutrients (e.g. residential or agricultural fertilizers, plant/yard waste), sediment, pesticides, bacteria, and other substances that can be carried by runoff. They are also used to slow the velocity of stormwater runoff, reducing erosion and localized flooding.

Several of our City parks have filter/buffer strips, whether they are adjacent to a river, stream, catch basin, or low-lying area in the park. Some of these parks include, Mingo, Belle Ave., Nottingham, Oakhurst, and Shelbourne Forest. The golf course has also implemented filter strips adjacent to their water bodies.



Buffer strip at Hidden Valley

Pervious Pavement

Pervious pavement is asphalt, concrete, or pavers that are composed of porous material that allows water to seep into the ground. The material reduces stormwater runoff, filters pollutants from the water, and traps solids that otherwise would travel with the stormwater runoff.

To date, the City does not have any pervious pavement in any of the parks. However, Blue Limestone Park will be under construction in the upcoming months and pervious pavement will be installed along the driveway and in the parking stalls.

Did you know that the Olentangy River is designated as a State Scenic River by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources? Please do your part to protect our local resource. To find out how, please visit www.delawareohio.net/Department/Public_Uilities/storm_water.aspx



*Protecting Public Health
Providing Environmental Responsibility*

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Public Utilities Department
MS4 Program**

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