

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MOTION SUMMARY  
April 19, 2016**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairwoman Lash called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Joshua Bricker, Cassie Cunningham, Dianna Hibinger, Nicole LaMar, Matt Polites, Lucas Ratliff, Councilmember Kyle Rohrer, and Chairwoman Allyson Lash

Members Absent: Julie German and Celeste Smith

City Staff Present: Chad Green, Project Engineer, Linda Mathews, Customer Service City Liaison, Stacy Davenport, and Parks Superintendent

YMCA Staff Present: Jeremy Byers, Associate Executive Director, Rob Morris, Youth Development Director

GUEST: Ted Miller will be starting May 4 as the new Parks and Natural Resource Director

**Motion to Excuse:** Mr. Polites moved to excuse Ms. German and Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. LaMar. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held March 15, 2016 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Mr. Polites moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held March 15, 2016 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Bricker. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote.

Mr. Davenport introduced Mr. Miller to the Committee.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 4. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services

Mr. Byers introduced Mr. Morris to the Committee.

Mr. Byers provided an update on youth registration for baseball. Mr. Byers indicated that adult softball will begin the week of April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Byers discussed the plans for the Healthy Kids Day, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bricker voiced his concern over residents of Delaware not being aware what programs are provided by the YMCA and which programs are provided by the City of Delaware. Mr. Bricker discussed the need for residents to be aware of what programs are being provided and funded by the City of Delaware.

Mr. Polites discussed the possibility to have coaches through youth programs at the YMCA receive compensation for their time by waiving the fee for their children to participate in the activity.

Chairwoman Lash requested a list of City of Delaware programs compared to YMCA programs.

Ms. LaMar discussed the possibility of the YMCA to hold lacrosse clinics in the future.

#### ITEM 5. UPDATE of Parks Activities

Mr. Davenport provided an update on the opening of the Dog Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, and the Spray and Play at Veterans Park.

Mr. Davenport provided an update on the reopening of the Hidden Valley Golf Course.

Mr. Davenport stated that there was a meeting with Mr. Homan, Mr. Miller, and himself with the Northwest Neighborhood Association regarding turning the Boardman site into a passive park area.

#### ITEM 6. UPDATE of Bike Master Plan

Mr. Green provided an update on current projects including the Troy Road Bike Path and West William Street.

Mr. Green discussed funding sources for the various projects including the use of grants, partnering with O.D.O.T, and funds that are set aside in the budget.

Mr. Bricker asked if the city had considered tunneling as an option. Mr. Green discussed the expense of tunneling projects.

Mr. Ratliff voiced his concern regarding safety with a lack of lighting on bike paths around the Smith Park area. Information was provided on lighting that was installed on South Houk Road, and the approximate cost. Mr. Bricker discussed the option of solar lighting as a lighting source. Mr. Miller to provide information on solar lighting.

#### ITEM 7. DISCUSSION of the Renaming of Eastside Park

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Yankie  
149 N. Sandusky St.  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Yankie discussed the request to rename Eastside Park after Richard Bennett. Mr. Yankie provided information on the contributions of Mr. Bennett to the City of Delaware.

Chairwoman Lash stated that future discussions will occur in the sub-committees.

ITEM 8. FINALIZATION of Sub-Committee Assignments and Meeting Schedules

Chairwoman Lash indicated that there will be a set schedule of the time for each sub-committee meeting as they will be held as public meetings. Chairwoman Lash reminded the Board that Sub-Committee meetings will begin in May.

Chairwoman Lash reviewed the Sub-Committee assignments.

YMCA Sub-Committee: Joshua Bricker, Cassie Cunningham, Nicole LaMar, Matt Polites, and Celeste Smith

Parks Sub-Committee: Dianna Hibinger, Allyson Lash, Angela McWhinney, Lucas Ratliff, and Councilmember Kyle Rohrer

ITEM 9. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Mathews stated that Angela Macwhinney will be a new member as Ms. German will be resigning from the Board due to moving out of state.

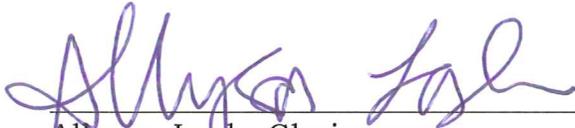
ITEM 10. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger stated that there is a crack in the tennis courts located at Carson Farms.

Mr. Bricker discussed the improvements at Hidden Valley.

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Polites moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
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Allyson Lash, Chairwoman

  
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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk