

CITY OF DELAWARE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS-CITY HALL  
1 S. SANDUSKY ST  
7:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

JUNE 16, 2015

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held April 21, 2015 as recorded and transcribed.
3. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held May 19, 2015 as recorded and transcribed.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. ELECTION of Chair and Vice-Chair
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.

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Chairman

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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

# ***ITEM 3***

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MOTION SUMMARY  
May 19, 2015**

**NO QUORUM**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Councilmember Chris Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Lucas Ratliff, Dianna Hibinger, Joshua Bricker, and Councilmember Chris Jones

Members Absent: Gretchen Bowling, Matt Polites, Julie German, Nicole LaMar-Nelson, Allyson Lash, and Vice-Chairwoman Jennifer Davis

City Staff Present: Linda Mathews, Customer Service City Liaison, and Dan Whited, Public Service Group Director

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

**Motion:** Mr. Bricker moved to excuse Ms. Bowling, Mr. Polites, Ms. German, and Ms. LaMar-Nelson, Ms. Lash, and Vice-Chairwoman Davis, seconded by Ms. Hibinger. Motion approved by a 4-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held April 21, 2015 as recorded and transcribed.

The minutes will be resubmitted for a vote at the June 16 meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 4. ELECTION of Chair and Vice-Chair

Councilmember Jones recommended that the vote for Chair and Vice-Chair take place at the June meeting due to lack of quorum.

ITEM 5. UPDATE of May 12 Bike Path Master Plan Public Meeting

PRESENTERS:

Brian Hagerty, Transportation Engineer  
Stantec  
1500 Lake Shore Drive, Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio 43204

Eric Lowry, Transportation Planner  
Stantec  
1500 Lake Shore Drive, Suite 100  
Columbus, Ohio 43204

Mr. Lowry provided an update on the public input and discussed the key points. Mr. Lowry noted that many local streets are bikeable, but have barriers that can make biking difficult, such as, railroads, rivers, and highways. Mr. Lowry also noted that many of the current path networks are aging and are not connected. Mr. Lowry and Mr. Hagerty provided an analysis of large gaps in the bike path network, and discussed trail conditions at current status compared to the conditions in 2008.

Mr. Lowry and Mr. Hagerty discussed the current public input from the survey that has been conducted from the web based survey, and informed the board that Stantec will draft a vision statement based on the results that are collected. Discussion was also held on the need to adopt street policies and a way finding bike network map, increase maintenance of path networks, as well as, increase bike parking at public and private destinations.

Mr. Lowry stated that Stantec will look at outside sources of funding such as grants to help fund the project.

#### ITEM 6. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services

Mr. Byers reviewed the youth sports program classes that are available, with the addition of fencing for both adults and youths. Mr. Byers reviewed the current enrollment for youth baseball and softball. Mr. Byers stated that registration for baseball will close on May 20, 2015 and that there are currently 741 participants. Mr. Byers expects for the baseball/softball season to end the second week of July, depending on the weather.

Mr. Byers reviewed special events such as the Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA that had over 500 participants and the upcoming start of the Movies at Mingo which will begin June 19, 2015.

Mr. Bricker requested information on registration for fall soccer at the YMCA. Mr. Byers informed him that registration for YMCA fall soccer is now open.

Mr. Ratliff requested information on the cost for summer enrichment programs at the YMCA. Mr. Byers informed him that this information is available on the YMCA website and that individuals do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate.

Mr. Jones requested information on the cost for bleachers to be placed at coach pitch baseball. Ms. Mathews provided information that the approximate cost to purchase for a three row is \$1,600.00.

ITEM 7. UPDATE of Park Activities

Ms. Mathews reviewed the process that occurs when a customer service request is received.

Mr. Bricker asked why some fields seem to have weed control treatment over others. Ms. Mathews and Mr. Whited discussed the need to review the budget request for herbicide treatments.

Ms. Mathews reviewed the current providers for concession stands and reviewed the Adopt-A-Park program. Ms. Mathews reviewed the activities for Hidden Valley Golf and specials for Memorial Day and Father's Day.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Mathews reviewed the status and plans for the Dog Park.

ITEM 9. MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Jones requested that Parks and Recreation Board Members have name plates at meetings.

Councilmember Jones requested information on a list of parks that the City of Delaware is responsible for mowing and if any of these parks include Home Owner Association parks. Mr. Whited reviewed the difference between a city community parks compared to a city neighborhood park.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Ratliff moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

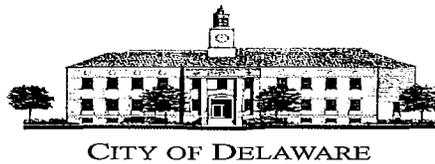
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Chairman

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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

# ***ITEM 6***



## YMCA/Recreation Services

Recreation programs listed below are now coordinated through the YMCA

### I. Youth Programs/Classes

- A. 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. 8 of the 16 classes had enough participants to run.
- B. Teen Leaders Club had 12 volunteers at the New Moon Triathlon at Mile 5 water station.

### Youth Sports Programs

- A. Youth baseball/softball games have started and seem to be going pretty well. We have had a few rainouts and coaches are scheduling make up games as we go.
- B. Youth soccer league registration started on June 1st and ends on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Games are set to start on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. All games and practices will be at Veterans Park.

### 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. Intakes will begin next month for the Livestrong Program. This program focuses on helping survivors heal and reclaim their life.
- C. 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

### IV. Jack Florance Pool & Pool Programs

- A. Swim Lessons- June 2<sup>nd</sup>-June 25<sup>th</sup> Twice a week and July 7<sup>th</sup>-July 30<sup>th</sup> 4 times a week for 2 weeks (2 sessions total)
- B. LG class scheduled for June 8-12
  - 1. 19 registered for the class!
- C. Scuba Diving will start July 9<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks
- D. DARTS are in full swing at J-Flo

### Special Events

- E. Movies @ Mingo Returns in June: Hook (June 19<sup>th</sup>), Big Hero Six (July 17), Annie (August 21). Movies start at 8:15pm by the playground.

### V. Issues/Concerns

### VI. Shelters/Reservations

### VII. Staff

# ***ITEM 7***



Parks and Natural Resources  
May 2015  
Activity Report

Parks Citizen Requests:

Debris Clean Up	2
Field Prep/Postings	48
Inspection/Repair Equipment	4
Mowing	2
Parks (501.5 hrs)	
Right-of-Way (189 hrs)	
Special Projects	3
Special Cleaning Project	1
Vegetation Control/Pruning	5

Forestry Division Service Requests

Miscellaneous Inspections	6
Viability Inspection	9
Pruning	10
Warranty Replacement	2
Miscellaneous Inspections (Quote)	1
Removal (Full Tree/Limb)	12
Stump Removal	9*

\* Some from Tree Removals

Oak Grove Cemetery Citizen Requests

Interments	8
Footer/Foundation Installation	25
Special Project (Surface Restoration/ Level Monuments)	8

Adopt-A-Park

Blue Limestone	Hayes Student Council
Eastside Park	Alpha Group
Veterans Park Trail	Girl Scout Troup 2055
Eastside Park	Boy Scout Troup (Sherry Lanhan)-mulching project

Hidden Valley Activities

	Memberships Sold (YTD)	Rounds Played 05/01/15-05/31/15
Family	7	123
Non-Resident Family	3	40
Senior	21	308
Non-Resident Senior	5	121
Single	2	17
Non-Resident Single		2*
Student	2	3

\* entry error since no member ship sold

Non Membership Rounds Played (05/01/15-05/31/15) 692

	Punch Cards Sold	Rounds Played
Riding	2	16
Senior	31	114
Single	6	20
Student	2	15

Specials Sold

Lunch	9
18 Hole/Cart for \$25	6
9 Holes/Small Bucket Range Balls	29
18 Holes/4 of Price of 3	1