

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MOTION SUMMARY  
October 17, 2017**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairwoman Lash called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Caitlyn Ashley, Joshua Bricker, Cassie Cunningham, Bob Dalton, Michael Rush, Councilmember Jim Browning, Robert Ruh, Corie Thompson, Angela MacWhinney, Vice-Chairwoman Dianna Hibinger, and Chairwoman Allyson Lash

City Staff Present: Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director and Linda Mathews, Customer Service Liaison

YMCA Staff Present: Jeremy Byers, Associate Executive Director

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held August 15, 2017 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Mr. Dalton moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held August 15, 2017 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger. Motion approved by a 11-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Pickleball Courts Proposal – Dawn Brown

PRESENTOR:

Dawn Brown  
143 Diverston Way  
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Brown provided to the Board a proposal for additional pickleball courts and resurfacing at the Blue Limestone courts. Ms. Brown discussed the opportunities to host tournaments. Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger discussed potential grants available for blended lines. Mr. Miller discussed the need to get cost estimates and to determine how to schedule the use of multi-use courts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phyllis Messer  
315 Morgan Court  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. Messer voiced concerns that the YMCA does not have marked pickleball courts in the gymnasium and that it is difficult to play inside. Ms. Messer also

stated that nets furnished by the YMCA have been damaged due to kids climbing on them and that additional nets are needed. Ms. Messer requested a reason from the YMCA on why lines can't be marked.

ITEM 4. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services, Programs and Events

Mr. Byers discussed the need for volunteers to participate in the Halloween Party/Pumpkin Run.

ITEM 5. UPDATE of Parks Activities

Mr. Miller discussed improvements to Glenross Park and Boardman Park. Mr. Miller provided an update on working with a consultant regarding the Oak Grove Cemetery Master Plan.

ITEM 6. UPDATE of Smith Park Tree Swallows

PRESENTOR:

Richard M. Tuttle  
311 W. Central Avenue  
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Tuttle discussed the nest boxes that were designed for bluebirds and Tree Swallows and the benefits to the environment as the birds feed on small flying insects.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION of Displays at Veteran Memorial

Mr. Miller reviewed with the Board the Floral/Grounds Policy. Mr. Miller discussed efforts to incorporate into the proposed policy, rules and regulations that are followed at national monuments.

**Motion:** Mr. Ruh moved to adopt the Floral/Grounds Policy, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger. Motion approved by 10-0-1 (Browning) vote.

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION of Tree Dedication Policy

Mr. Miller discussed the current practice to dedicate a tree and place a plaque on the tree. Mr. Miller provided information on the option to have a Tree of Life Park to keep better track of what trees are dedicated and to who. Mr. Miller plans to present the information to the Shade Tree Commission for input.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION of Dog Park Seasonal Closure

Mr. Miller reviewed the plans to have a seasonal closure of the Dog Park from February 15 through April 15. The Board voiced no opposition to the seasonal

closure plan.

ITEM 10. STAFF COMMENTS

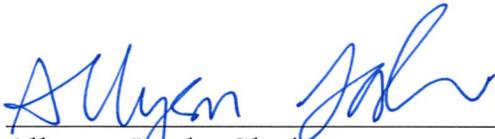
Mr. Miller provided an update on the participation from the July 2017 Iron Man race.

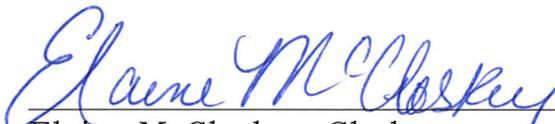
ITEM 11. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. Cunningham informed the Board that Ohio Wesleyan University is starting a rowing team and will be looking for a location to house the boats and practice.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Bricker moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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Allyson Lash, Chairwoman

  
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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk