

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MOTION SUMMARY**  
**January 16, 2018**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

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

Members Present: Caitlyn Ashley (exited at 8:43 p.m.), Joshua Bricker, Cassie Cunningham, Bob Dalton, Gary Hayward, Corie Thompson, Angela MacWhinney, Councilmember Jim Browning, Vice-Chairwoman Dianna Hibinger and Chairwoman Allyson Lash

Members Absent: Michael Rush

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

YMCA Staff Present: Jeremy Byers, Associate Executive Director and Roger Hanafin, Youth, Teen and Family Program Director

**Motion to Excuse:** Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger moved to excuse Mr. Rush, seconded by Mr. Dalton. Motion approved by a 10-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held November 21, 2017 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Mr. Bricker moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held November 21, 2017 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Ms. Cunningham. Motion approved by a 10-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

ITEM 4. DISCUSSION of Pickleball Quotes

Mr. Miller informed the board that the best location for the additional courts would be at Smith Park due to overcrowding of activities at Mingo Park. Mr. Miller discussed the need for wind screens and lighting. He provided estimates for the cost of these amenities.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Dawn Brown  
143 Diverston Way

Delaware, Ohio 43015

Ms. Brown discussed the option of putting additional lines on the court in the YMCA. Ms. Brown was designated to be a contact person for city staff.

Gary Meckler  
174 Griswold Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Meckler discussed the request to resurface the current court at Blue Limestone Park.

Bernie Marshall  
1451 Silversmith Lane  
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Marshall discussed the indoor courts lined for Pickleball at the YMCA in Marion.

Jordan Markward  
400 Benjamin Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Markward discussed the need to bring more competition to the Delaware area and that many Pickleball participants travel to surrounding areas to play on courts that are set up more appropriately.

Mr. Byers addressed the concerns related to the cost and additional lines to have permanent Pickleball courts inside at the YMCA. Mr. Miller discussed the potential option to stripe the inside of the Mingo Gym facility and that requests can be part of the 2019 budget. Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger to determine if there are any grants that could be utilized through the United States Tennis Association. Members of the public requested that Ms. Dawn Brown be a contact for city staff for further discussions and updates.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION by Art Miller, DYAA

PRESENTORS:

Art Miller  
287 Rockmill Street  
Delaware, Ohio

Tanya Brehm  
394 Benjamin Street  
Delaware Ohio

Ray West

633 Churchview Court  
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Miller provided background for the DYAA Youth Soccer Program and reviewed a report that he had provided to the Board. Mr. Miller discussed the DYAA efforts to assist in the passing of the YMCA Levy and voiced concerns over the recent youth soccer program started by the YMCA. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the community was not large enough to sustain two soccer programs and that it was causing confusion on which program people were signing up for. Mr. Miller also discussed the availability for financial assistance for participants in the DYAA.

Mrs. Walker informed the Board that she had received calls from members of the public with concerns over the cost of DYAA and the request for a city soccer recreation league. Mrs. Walker informed the Board that the City of Delaware provides maintenance to the fields, such as, mowing. She also explained that DYAA is responsible for the goals, striping the fields, and that DYAA is not charged to use the fields. Mr. Byers informed the board that the Sports Director is responsible for striping the fields that are used by the YMCA as part of their assigned job duties.

A discussion was held with the Board on the benefits to provide the public with options of youth soccer programs and the need to communicate better to the public these options. The Board plans to have staff continue to work with DYAA on their concerns, but that no current changes or recommendations to the YMCA soccer program was made. DYAA will be expanding their program to include Pre-K.

ITEM 6. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services, Programs and Events

Mr. Hanafin and Mr. Byers discussed the date change for the Daddy-Daughter Dance due to the recent inclement weather. Chairwoman Lash voiced concerns over the participation age difference for the Daddy-Daughter Dance and the Mother- Son Super Hero Party.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION of Upcoming 2018 Volunteer Activities

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION of 5K events

ITEM 9. UPDATE of Parks Activities

Mr. Miller provided an update on the East William Street Tree Mitigation Concept Exhibit. Mr. Miller to provide additional information on the shared bike program.

ITEM 10. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Smoking Restrictions at City Parks to be continued at February Meeting

ITEM 11. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. Cunningham provided information on the February 17, 2018 Bishop Backers Community Day.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Ms. Cunningham. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



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Chairperson



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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk