

**CITY OF DELAWARE  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL  
1 SOUTH SANDUSKY STREET  
7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

February 20, 2018

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL of Motion Summary for the meeting held January 16, 2018 as recorded and transcribed.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services, Programs and Events
5. UPDATE of Parks Activities
6. UPDATE of Williams Street Tree Mitigation Plan
7. REVIEW of Lime bike Share Program
8. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION of Smoking Restrictions at City Parks
9. DISCUSSION of Neighborhood Park Concept Plan – Houk Road
10. REVIEW of Parks and Natural Resource Fourth Quarter Report – 2017
11. STAFF COMMENTS
12. MEMBERS COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT

**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



### **YMCA/Recreation Services**

**Recreation programs listed below are now coordinated through the YMCA**

#### **Youth Programs/Classes**

- A.** Grades 3-6 Rec Basketball League season began January 6th. We currently have 8 3rd-4th Grade teams and 10 5th-6th Grade teams.
- B.** Spring Soccer registration is open and early registration ends March 4th. League divisions are based on age (ages 4-5, ages 6-7, and ages 8-9).
- C.** Summer Baseball/Softball registration also is open. We have removed Pony baseball and added Little League Plus (ages 13-14) in its place. Early registration ends March 25th.
- D.** Winter Tennis Lessons are running at Mingo currently
- E.** Registration for Summer Tennis and Golf Lessons will be open in February.
- F.** Safety Town Registration is open.
- G.** Registration for Youth Fire/Police Academy Summer Camp will open in March.
- H.** Recruitment for Youth in Government is going on now. High School students participate in a Mock City Hall and a Mock State Assembly. Looking for Adult Volunteers as well.
- I.** New Healthy Weight and your Child program is currently taking registrations. This program is designed with the whole family in mind. This evidence based program for youth 7-13 with a BMI or 95% focuses on learning skills to live a healthier lifestyle long-term.

#### **Adult Programs/Classes**

- A.** Diabetes Prevention Program: 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. Currently registering for this program..
- B.** Delay the Disease, a program for people with Parkinson's is now up and running. Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-2 pm.

#### **Adult Sports Programs**

- A.** Softball (Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed Leagues) registration is currently open!
- B.** Open volleyball (Monday evenings) and basketball (Monday and Wednesday late nights, and Saturday mornings) remains very popular during these winter months. New participants join each week.
- C.** Adult Pickleball - Thursday Night Open Pickleball has been popular drawing 10-16 people each week.

#### **Special Events**

- A.** Daddy Daughter Dance was held at the OWU Student Center on Jan. 12th.
- B.** Mother-Son Superhero Party will be March 9th, from 6:30-8:30pm at Mingo Park. The event is currently sold out. City of Delaware residents had priority registration. Volunteers are needed.

- C.** City of Delaware - Easter Egg Hunt and Kite Festival is Saturday, March 31st at 11:00AM. Over 10,000 eggs. For kids ages 1-9.
- D.** Healthy Kids Day is April 28th from 8:30-11:30AM. The event is free for the Community. This might be a good place for the committee to set up a table. In addition to dozens of community partners, inflatables, demonstrations, etc there will also be a 5K/1 Mile run/walk organized by Delaware City Schools.

# **Parks Monthly Report**

## **January 2018**

### **Parks**

- Daily trash pickup in all parks-113 hours
- ROW Trash-16 hours
- Landscaping beds-76 hours
- General Park Maintenance-234 hours
- Holiday Displays & Special Events-51.5 hours
- Park & ROW Mowing-0 hours
- Downtown Watering-.5 hours
- Snow Removal-458 hours

### **Forestry**

- Reviewed plans
- General Tree maintenance-110.5 hours

### **Oak Grove Cemetery**

- Performed 7 Interments
- Funeral Prep-54 hours
- Tree Maintenance-49 hours
- Landscaping-2 hours
- Foundations-6.5 hours
- Mowing-0 hours
- Holiday Displays-0 hours
- Snow Removal-16 hours

### **Hidden Valley Golf Course**

- Course Closed for Year
- Sold Memberships and Punch Cards at Public Works

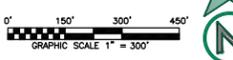
### **Donations Made:**

None made in January

**EAST WILLIAM STREET  
TREE MITIGATION CONCEPT EXHIBIT**



DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2017  
SHEET SIZE: 11 x 17



**DRAFT**



The tree count survey called for 354 caliper inches to be replaced. The project plans call for 134 caliper inches to be replaced with this project, 38 Pink Cherry trees, 19 Ivory Silk Lilao and 10 deciduous trees to be field located. The remaining 220 caliper inches will be placed at the designated mitigation sites listed below.

TREE MITIGATION LEGEND		
SITE	TREES	CALIPER INCHES
A	10	20"
B	30	60"
C	40	80"
D	30	60"
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>220"</b>



## RECOMMENDATIONS

TO: Delaware Parks Advisory Board  
CC: R. Thomas Homan, City Manager, Jackie Walker, Asst. City Manager  
FROM: Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resources Director  
DATE: 2.12.18  
RE: Smoking Ban Best Practice–City Parks

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1. Genoa Township- 2010 banned smoking in parks and township grounds
2. Powell, OH- Oct 2012, “soft” ban on smoking (soft because it won’t be strictly enforced) within 15’ of playgrounds, picnic shelters and restrooms
3. Grove City, OH 2016- banned smoking in public parks  
The goal is to keep secondhand smoke out of child-friendly areas and to educate youths about the dangers of tobacco, said Joe Mazzola, Franklin County’s health commissioner. South-Western City Schools has already established a Students Taking a New Direction club, a prevention program aimed at middle-schoolers.  
“We’ve been pleased with the response from youth in these communities,” Mazzola said. “They see this as an important issue, which is very exciting.”
4. Hilliard, OH –Dec 2017 smoking ban in public parks  
A ban on the use of all forms of tobacco products as well as electronic smoking devices will soon be coming to the Columbus, Ohio suburb of Hilliard, after the city council approved a proposed ordinance on Monday night.  
Violators can be charged with a minor misdemeanor and subject to a fine up to \$150 for a first offense, with subsequent offenses carrying a fine of up to \$250.  
The ban will go into effect on Dec. 13, 2017  
Hilliard is located approximately 13 miles northwest of Columbus and is home to just over 31,000 residents.
5. Avon Lake, OH 2017

The city of Avon Lake will consider legislation to ban smoking in all public places. At a Nov. 20 work session, Avon Lake City Council heard a presentation from Erin R. Murphy representing the Lorain County General Health District outlining the negative health effects of tobacco use and how Lorain County has responded. Murphy, a program manager with the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Department, cited statistics showing Ohio’s poor performance nationally near the bottom in the amount of children exposed to second hand smoke (49th) and the percentage of adult smokers (43rd). Ohio also ranked poorly in tobacco use for youth between 12-17 (33rd) and tobacco prevention spending (37th). Ward IV Councilman David Kos, who chairs the safety committee, recalled his son playing baseball in Crocker Park and the amount of adults smoking in the immediate area. “I spent a lot of times in our parks, on playgrounds and on ballfields and there was hardly a time that went by when you wouldn’t see a parent or two or a visitor or two to that park smoking in a decent proximity to where the kids are playing,” Kos said. He said he was surprised the city had no ordinances on the books preventing smoking in city facilities where children frequent. After contacting environmental committee chairman John Shondel, Kos discovered city ordinances on this matter had not been updated since 1994, a time when it was still permissible to smoke in airplanes and restaurants.

“Why citywide? When we invite the public into our parks, our beaches our ballparks, our public areas, I think the public has a right to a smoke-free environment,” he said. “They have a right when they come in to live in a healthy environment.”

Avon Lake would become the second municipality in Lorain County to take action with an ordinance following Oberlin. The city of North Ridgeville, most school districts and Lorain’s Lakeview Park all maintain tobacco-free policies. Current legislation in effect bans smoking in city buildings. A new ordinance from council would seek to expand this framework to include city parks, beaches and other parks and recreation infrastructure along with expanding the list of tobacco products to include e-cigarettes and vaping products. Council was supportive of pursuing new legislation however some members and Avon Lake Mayor Gregory Zilka supported taking a more gradual approach. “Bear in mind, cigarettes are a legal product just like alcohol and so I’m not one to infringe on the rights of citizens, but I think in this particular case that if we were to enact it with a lot of forethought, it would be a good idea and I support it 100 percent.” Zilka proposed phasing in an ordinance over the course of a year beginning with a citywide smoke-free policy to allow for increased public awareness.

“If you have a policy, these people can be approached and informed of a policy and that might be a good approach for a transition,” Zilka said.

“Phasing in the new rules and regulations might be a way to achieve better success.”

**6. Hamilton County, OH- Sept 2017**

Tobacco use will be banned in most outdoor public spaces across Hamilton, a move Fort Hamilton Hospital said should lower the city’s heart-attack rate, based on results in cities that have adopted similar legislation.

The legislation, approved unanimously, also should help eliminate future second-hand smoke ailments for infants, the elderly and others who won’t be experiencing as much tobacco smoke, according to Dr. Marcus Romanello, chief medical officer at Fort Hamilton Hospital.

Areas affected by the city’s new tobacco-free policy include all public parks, although there will be a designated smoking area in the new downtown Marcum Park for those attending concerts at the RiversEdge amphitheater; as well as all places of city employment and other city facilities, plus outside areas immediately surrounding city facilities

Tobacco use also will be banned in municipally owned parking lots and garages; and streets, paths and sidewalks within parks.

The penalty is a \$50 civil fine. The new law takes effect Sept. 22, but city employees for at least six months plan to issue warnings to familiarize people to the policy.

“I’m speaking on behalf of the over 1,000 staff, nurses, physicians, including cardiologists, pulmonologists, oncologists at Fort Hamilton Hospital,” Romanello said. “For second-hand smoke, the evidence has become incontrovertible. Breathing in any one of the thousands of chemicals, hundreds of them listed as known carcinogens, can set off a chain reaction of inflammation in the lungs and spreading throughout the body.

This has been linked to a direct cause of heart attacks, he said.

Studies have found that in cities that have adopted smoking legislation, heart-attack rates dropped, he said.

“You have an opportunity to make an impact,” he said, noting that already this year alone, Fort Hamilton alone has diagnosed more than 40 new cases of lung cancer.

Many local governments and college campuses nationwide have adopted such policies, partly to reduce the health-care costs of their employees, but the policy itself will cost money, at first.

The cost of creating and installing approximately 500 signs alerting people to the law is expected to be about \$40,000, with the signs being created by city employees.

According to a staff report to council, "The City of Hamilton's strategic vision is to become a purposeful destination for working, living, and playing. Critical to this vision is the City's responsibility to ensure every public place, both indoor and outdoor, is safe for use by any resident of or visitor to the City. This responsibility includes minimizing public health risks wherever feasible."

7. Gallipolis, OH -June 2017

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio (WSAZ) -- A popular park in Gallia County could become tobacco-free, but the proposal is still in its very early stages.

Mckenzie Conley, the director of the tobacco use, prevention and cessation grant at the Gallia County Health Department, proposed the policy at the Gallipolis city commission meeting this week. She says Gallia County was awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Health. Just one goal of the grant is to create an outdoor area in the community to have a tobacco-free policy.

"They want us to implement policies in the community to prevent our citizens from second-hand smoke exposure," Conley said.

Conley says the city park is beloved, the location of many popular events throughout the year, and always has children playing."It is such a beautiful, historic park," Conley said. "It's a landmark for our community. It draws people from all over."

Gallia County was chosen for the funding, Conley says, because of the local smoking rate.

"They're higher than the state's average and the country's average and we have significantly high lung cancer rates," Conley said. "We realize there are many issues that this community faces and even in this park, but we just hope that with this, we're able to at least help one of those issues."

The proposal is still in its very early stages. Conley is just asking that the commissioners consider the proposal and that the community gives feedback.

Prior to going before the commission, Conley says she received letters of support from businesses near the park, as well as more than 80 signatures of support on a petition.

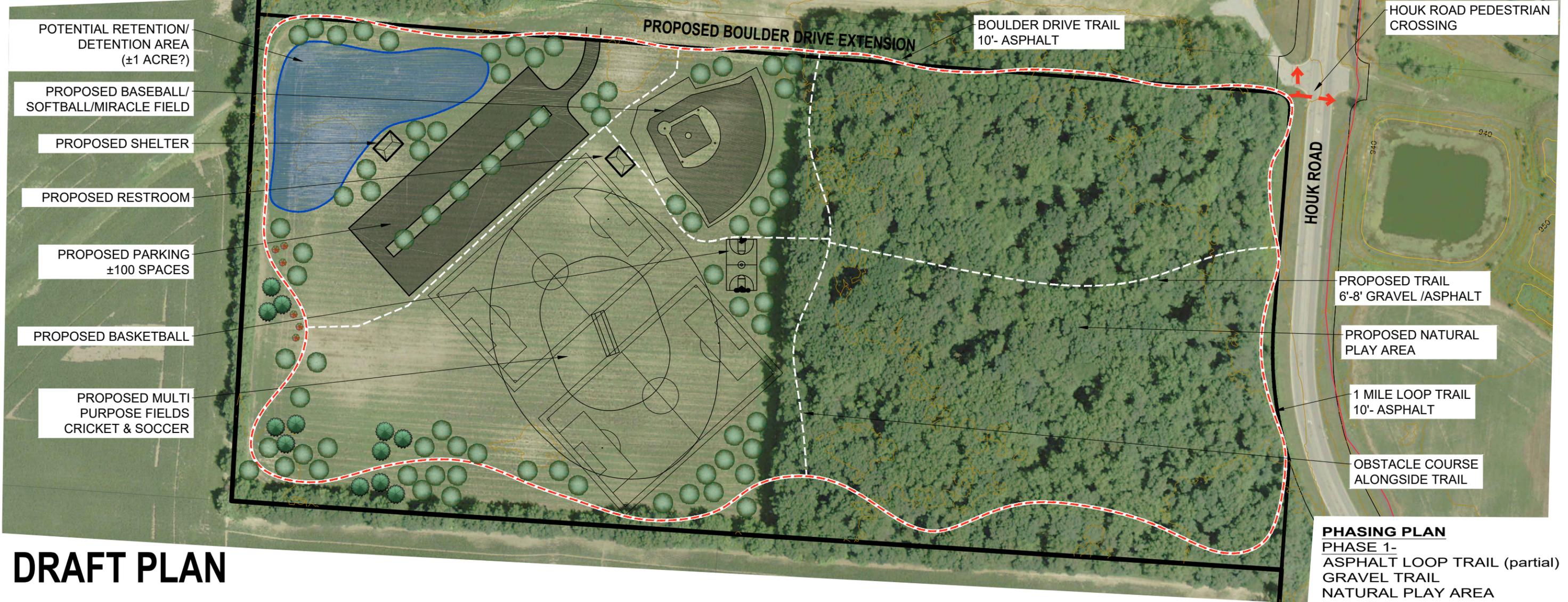
"We're willing to work with the community to see what we can do to make it work for everybody," Conley said. "We realize there are many issues that this community faces and even in this park, but we just hope that with this, we're able to at least help one of those issues."

She emphasized that the policy would not be about taking away the rights of smokers, but about making it a more healthy environment for non-smokers. Because it is a new idea, Conley says they have not decided on any sort of a penalty, but she says she would propose it would not be too serious. For example, someone smoking could just be asked to leave the park.

"We hope that it will be more of a courtesy and respect rule," Conley said. "Maybe at least, if anything, reduce the rates of smoking and litter."Conley says she understands it would be a difficult rules to enforce, but she believes it would hopefully cut down on the second-hand smoke."Outdoor levels are comparable to indoor levels," Conley said. "There's been studies that show you can be affected up to 30 feet outdoors from one lit cigarette."

As for other parks around the region, you can still smoke in Huntington. There's no smoking ban at Ritter Park or surrounding public parks. However, Charleston is smoke-free. In 2015, city council expanded a smoking ordinance that bans lighting up on "all" city recreation land -- inside and out. If caught smoking in a city park, the penalty is a verbal warning to put out the cigarette. If a person refuses, they can be asked to leave. If they refuse that as well, police may get involved and the person could face a trespassing charge.

While this is a new concept in Gallia County, Conley says similar policies have been put into place in other areas of Ohio like Athens County, Dayton and Columbus.



## DRAFT PLAN



**OBSTACLE COURSE**



**NATURAL PLAY AREA**



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### PARK OPERATIONS

Park Operations duties have shifted to winter projects including preparation for holiday events. Staff worked closely with Main Street Delaware to prepare for the December First Friday event. This included placing the holiday tree, coordination of the skating rink, downtown lights and stage preparation. The event was very well attended and has helped create a great partnership with Main Street.

Staff worked with Oakland Nursery to prepare the downtown pots with winter decorations. This time of year also begins preparation for hanging baskets, staff cleans out the pots and delivers to the nursery for planting to be ready for spring.

Operations staff also installed a sprinkler system in the greenhouse, this will allow staff to automatically water nursery stock , freeing up hours for park maintenance.





**Mingo Pool-** Concrete deck work was completed and will be ready for pool opening in 2018.

**Glenross Park-** The Glenross Park Improvements will be extended to spring of 2018, cold weather has prevented placement of the asphalt path. The path and minor seeding and grading will be completed in the spring of 2018

Operations staff experienced a slightly longer mowing season with the warmer weather and increased hours in 2017 for the Events & Holiday Displays due to the expanded December First Friday. Ballfield Prep was decreased due to no fall softball league.

Task	4th Quarter		
	2017 (hours)	2016 (hours)	2015 (hours)
Mowing & Landscaping	1127	1,022.5	364
Building/Shop/Vehicle Maintenance	1032.5	1158.5	1150
Debris & Trash Cleanup	628	697.5	438.5
Tree Maintenance	1003	1,032.5	942
Ballfield Prep	0	51	83
Events & Holiday Displays	283	194.5	330.5
Downtown Watering	55.5	56	46.5
Others	768.5	431.5	563.5
Total	4897.5	4644	3918

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter total Service Calls- 7

Service calls dropped by 65% over last year (20 service calls 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016)

**Park Operations Staffing**

Operations are currently operating with 8 full time staff and 1 PPT staff after losing a PPT employee in November. A new PPT staff member is expected to begin in February 2018.

**URBAN FORESTRY**

The Urban Forestry Department has been busy this quarter with pruning street trees, planting trees, and responding to service requests. A total of 221 city street trees were planted this fall, eliminating the backlog of street tree replacements. The city now boasts over 17,000 trees and is growing rapidly. Many of these trees are young trees which will require more frequent pruning until they mature. This will be evident in the next few years as we prepare to deal with proper care for the young trees. Operations staff has assisted this fall in pruning but additional contractors will be called upon in 2018 to maintain our current level of service.

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter total Service Calls- **48**

Service calls increased by 33 % over last year (36 service calls 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016)  
(81 service calls 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015)

## OAK GROVE CEMETERY

The cemetery staff has been working with the Urban Forestry department to plant 100 trees through a donation by Mr. William West. These trees were chosen and planted in locations to provide understory trees that will also provide color and interest to the tree canopy. Additional trees will be planted in 2018.

The cemetery master plan will kick off in 2018, the consultant will work with staff to plan expansion, sustainable practices and facilitate public outreach.

Task		2017 (hours)	2016 (hours)	2015 (hours)
Mowing	↑	404	295	187
Administration	↑	47	32	206.5
Funeral Preparation	↑	112	81	85.5
Leaf Removal	↓	163	369	365
Landscaping	↓	.5	27.5	34.5
Special Projects	↓	1.5	3	8
Tree Maintenance	↓	66	98	58
Other	↓	347	456	314.5
Total		1141	1361.5	1259

4th Quarter interments 23

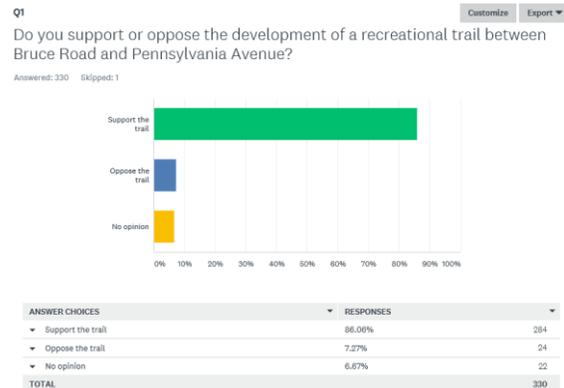
35% increase from last year (4th Quarter 2016 interments 17)

Oak Grove Cemetery Staffing – 1 full time & 1 PPT

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT

**Bruce Road Trail Concept-** The public survey on Survey Monkey was completed in November and received 331 responses. This is a very good response and shows there is incredible support. One telling statistic is that 86% of the respondents support the trail. Through the public outreach we also learned that this trail would not only provide recreational benefits but that it would also provide a much needed transportation corridor that would limit pedestrian traffic along US 23. The entire survey can be shared if requested but one telling response is the number of people supporting the trail connection.

The next phase includes public outreach with the Shelbourn Forest/Pinecrest area.

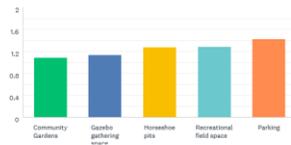


**Ross St. Park Improvements-** Parks and Natural Resource staff worked with the Delaware Health Department to

gather community input on future Ross St Park improvements. Surveys were received through the Peace Love and Unity festival, a public meeting and through Survey Monkey. A total of 47 responses were received and the responses indicated more passive recreational uses for the park. Concept plans will be developed and presented to the community.

What is your opinion of the current amenities at Ross Street Park?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1

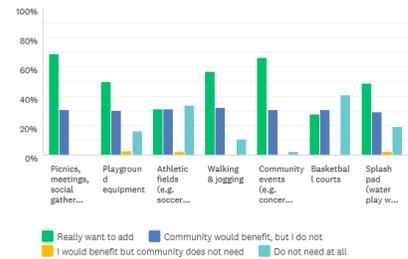


	APPROPRIATE	MODERATELY APPROPRIATE	NOT APPROPRIATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Community Gardens	91.11% 41	8.89% 4	0.00% 0	45	1.00
Gazebo gathering space	86.05% 37	13.95% 6	0.00% 0	43	1.14
Horseshoe pits	76.92% 30	17.95% 7	5.13% 2	39	1.20
Recreational field space	75.67% 31	19.37% 8	4.96% 2	41	1.29
Parking	69.05% 29	19.05% 8	11.90% 5	42	1.43

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What are the activities that you would like to do in Ross Street Park?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 3



## PARKS PLANNING

- **Central Avenue Trail (Lexington Blvd to Houk Rd)**- The Locust Curve HOA has really pushed for this missing link of trail. Staff met with local landowner to discuss preferences for trail extension along Central Ave. and will pursue conceptual plans to analyze potential alignment. A capital budget grant was submitted for potential funding.
- **Veterans Park Spray and Play**- Additional shade structures for the center plaza have been received and installation will begin in February. Staff is working with spray pad manufacturer to resolve issues with spray toy, issue will be resolved by Memorial Day.
- **Wetland Dog Park**- advertised winter closure from February 15-April 15 to allow for preservation of the turf. This time of year can ruin the turf and extend closure periods. Notifications have been posted to make the public aware of why we are closing and offered alternative locations.
- **Belle Avenue Park**- Park donation of \$12,000 received. Will look at updating park gateway and replacing play equipment.
- **DARTS**- Met with group to discuss utilization of small room (former game room) off pool deck to display awards and use as an entrance during DART events. Room is currently under-utilized and minor improvements will upgrade facility and expand DARTS space.
- **Heatherston** – Preparing concept plans for proposed park area. Plans to be presented to Parks Board in February 2018.
- **Smith Park**- Working with pickle ball group to expand court space, potentially utilizing tennis courts at Smith Park. Group has expressed need for additional space as participation has increased.

## RECREATION PROGRAMMING

### ATHLETICS



Total Participants (September-December 2017) 525  
 Enrollments climbed a total of 6 % over last year (2016-494 participants)

Youth Sport		2017	2016	% Change
Fall 2017 Youth Soccer	↑	238	214	11%
Fall 2017 Youth Flag Football	↓	89	114	-22%
Winter 2018 Youth Basketball	↑	168	166	1.2%
Fall 2017 Outdoor Tennis	↑	22	0	100%
Fall 2017 Indoor Tennis	↑	8	0	100%

Adult Sport		2017	2016	% Change
Fall Adult Softball	↓	0 teams	12 teams	-100%

**Upward Trend:**

Youth soccer. The program continually grows in participant numbers each season. In fall 2017, we had 24 participants more than in fall 2016. The 4-5 age division had the most participants, a good indication that the upward trend may continue.

Youth tennis lessons: Youth tennis really exploded in popularity in 2017. Numbers through the second quarter of the year were outstanding, and that continues into the fall. In late summer/early fall, 32 boys and girls participated in tennis at Mingo Park. In the late fall, indoor lessons were offered for the first time, and 8 participants took part. This program has attracted a core group of kids, and each new lesson season draws new participants.

**Level Trend:**

Fall youth sports leagues. Though flag football saw a 22% decline in participant numbers in 2017 (see below), overall fall sports league participation (flag football plus soccer) remained constant to 2016.

**Downward Trend:**

Youth flag football. Participant numbers in flag football dropped 22% compared to 2016. A couple of factors which may have contributed to the decline include the rise of youth soccer and the negative image of football.

Adult softball. Adult softball leagues (men’s and co-ed) did not run in Fall 2017. The sport has been on a downward trend for a few years. Nonetheless, the absence of interest was alarming.



Youth Sport		2017	2016	% Change
DYAA -recreation	↓	432		%
DYAA- select	↑	220		

**RECREATION SERVICES**



**Pumpkin Run and Halloween Party**

Date: Saturday, October 28, Run/Walk- 3:00 pm, Party-4:00 pm

Location: Mingo Park

Participants: **105 run participants**

**800 party participants**

Notes: The cold weather and the Ohio State vs Penn State football game reduced the amount of people who attended Trunk or Treat. Inflatables were moved inside to accommodate weather.



**Calls From the North Pole**

Date: December 7th

Location: Delaware Community Center YMCA

Participants: **55 participants**

Notes: We have over 20 volunteers help to make the call! It went off without a hitch.

**RECREATION CENTERS**

**DELAWARE COMMUNITY CENTER YMCA**

Attendance October-December	2017	2016	% Change
Members	12,321	11,061	11%

**MINGO RECREATION CENTER**

Rentals July-September	2017	2016	% Change
Hillborn Room	62	75	-17%
Byxbe Room	44	39	13%

## HIDDEN VALLEY GOLF COURSE

**2015**

Operation: March 2 to Nov. 18  
227 Days of Operation

**2016**

Operation: March 7 to Nov. 18  
244 Days of Operation

**2017**

Operation: Feb. 18 to Sept. 30  
202 Days of Operation

Recorded Rounds (Oct.-Dec.)		2017	2016
Membership	Family	255	307
	Senior	411	498
	Single	28	44
	Student	5	1
	Total Membership	699	850
Punch Cards	Senior	45	77
	Single	20	22
	Student	7	12
	Total Punch Card	72	111
General	League	0	0
	Regular	329	447
	Senior	269	483*
	Military	0	*
	Student	151	*
Total General	749	960	
Grand Total		1,520	1,821
Driving Range		191	164
Riding Cart Rental		357	457



\*- Senior/Military/ Students tracked as one category

## SHELTER RENTALS

		2017	2016	2015
October	↓	\$1,270.00	\$1,950.00	\$505.00
November	↑	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
December	↑	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	↑	\$1,270.00	\$2,070.00	\$505.00

Shelter rentals have steadily climbed.

Year	Shelter rental receipts	Number of rentals
2012	\$11,743.50	272
2013	\$10,035.00	268
2014	\$11,527.50	277
2015	\$11,857.50	258
2016	\$17,917.50	281
2017	\$19,465.00	337



The block system used in 2017 was successful in adding more access to shelter rentals for the public. Shelter rentals continues to be a popular recreation amenity and additional shelters should be considered for future parks. This recreation amenity provides a popular service to the community and is an economical use of recreational dollars.

Most popular shelters (yearly)	October-December Rentals	% of overall rentals (24)
1. Veterans Spray and Play	5	21%
2. Mingo 3 Season	12	50%
3. Blue Limestone (lower)	2	8%
4. Mingo Rotary	5	21%

- 9 rentals were reserved for non-profit organizations (no-charge)
- 0 Employee Recreation Credit Rentals