

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
June 19, 2018

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Joshua Bricker, Cassie Cunningham, Bob Dalton, Gary Hayward, Michael Rush, Corie Thompson, Angela MacWhinney, Vice-Chairwoman Dianna Hibinger

Members Absent: Councilmember Jim Browning and Chairwoman Allyson Lash

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

YMCA Staff Present: Stacey Tighe, Aquatics Director

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Bricker moved to excuse Councilmember Jim Browning and Chairwoman Allyson Lash, seconded by Mr. Dalton. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held May 15, 2018 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Mr. Dalton moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held May 15, 2018 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Hayward. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

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

Ms. Tighe provided an update from the YMCA and discussed upcoming dates of closure for the Jack Florance Pool. She informed the Board of the need for volunteers at the Dave Staley Triathlon.

ITEM 5. UPDATE of Parks Activities

Mr. Miller informed the Board that there are continued discussions with a group interested in disc golf and potential location to be at the Wetland Park. He presented the idea of a bike park at the previous landfill site. He discussed the use of this type of park on a landfill site in Lebanon, Ohio. The Board requested

more information and examples of obstacle courses at other sites.

Mr. Miller also discussed that the Parks Department will be moving their operations out of the current location on Ross Street and that the Community Coalition is interested in possible uses of the building. He also discussed the potential to expand the Ross Street Park.

Mr. Miller provided information regarding a citizen donation received to update the Belle Avenue Park. He provided information on potential upgrades to park amenities and sidewalks. He plans to present the Master Plan at a future meeting.

Mr. Miller discussed the current status of alcohol sales at Hidden Valley Golf Course. He explained that currently the permit is with the state. He presented to the board potential hours. The Board was in agreement to start sales of beer at the opening of the course and potentially ending sales a half-hour prior to close. Mr. Miller discussed that staff will be trained on how to get proper identification and sell the alcohol.

ITEM 6. RECOMMENDATION of Smoking Restrictions at City Parks

A discussion was held in regards to the presented language in Item G. Mr. Miller explained that Item G is existing language. Ms. Thompson requested information on the current smoking policy at the pool. Ms. Tighe informed the Board that smoking is currently allowed outside the fencing. Ms. Thompson reported that there have been instances where she has observed smoking inside the fenced area.

Motion: Mr. Bricker motioned to recommend to Council the presented Smoking Restrictions, seconded by Ms. MacWhinney. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION on OSU Diving Team Relocation

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mandy Eby
1265 Berkley Court
Powell, Ohio

Ms. Eby discussed that in April through September the OSU Diving Team will be looking for alternative pool space due to expected renovations to their facilities. She discussed accessing the location at Mingo Pool from 7 to 9am and also 7 pm to 9 pm. They would like to have their operations to come see the current facilities and determine if updates would be needed to accommodate them and their budget for any recommended changes. She did inform that this is not an OSU Varsity sport, but is a club level sport with many participants at a national level of competition. She also discussed the age levels of participants. Mr. Miller

discussed the need to look at lifeguard availability and additional liability.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

The Clerk informed the Board that Mayor Riggle was speaking with members from the American Kayaking Association at the NOW Festival in regards to having kayak education and programming at city parks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sami Spiezio
American Kayaking Association
2692 Jordan Rd
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Spiezio discussed the role of the American Kayaking Association to provided education and safety instructions to youths and people of all ages. He explained that they have access to over 100 kayaks and can bring them in for events and training classes. Some topics that they would discuss would be how to get in and out of a kayak properly, paddle strokes, self-rescue and life jacket rental. The Board expressed their interest in having these education programs and discussed potential locations that this can occur at. Blue Limestone Park was discussed as a potential location.

ITEM 9. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Hayward requested information on any potential plans to spray for mosquitos. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the Health Department has been in contact about mosquito spraying, especially around Veteran's Park.

Mr. Rush provided compliments over the park improvements and changes that he received. He discussed the concern he received over the need for better handles at the dog bowl station at the Dog Park.

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger discussed concerns that she has experienced at Mingo Park with dogs running loose in the park and also inside the tennis courts. She voiced concern over the safety of her tennis students and others that are uncomfortable. Ms. MacWhinney voiced concerns over safety when she is running in the park early in the morning around dogs that are not on a lead. The Board recommended that staff provide more citizen education on leash laws and also enforcement in parks. They discussed that citizens have the option to allow their dogs to run without a leash at the Dog Park.

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger also informed staff of a sagging tennis net at Mingo Park.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Allyson Jask

Chairperson

Elaine McCloskey

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk