

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
July 17, 2018

ITEM 1. Roll Call

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

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

Members Absent: Gary Hayward and Bradley Brookover

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

YMCA Staff Present: Jeremy Byers, Associate Executive Director

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Bricker moved to excuse Mr. Brookover and Mr. Hayward, seconded by Mr. Dalton. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

The Board was informed that the agenda should have included election of chair and vice-chair, but that the items were accidentally omitted from the agenda. The Board was in agreement to conduct the nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Motion: Mr. Dalton motioned to nominate Allyson Lash as Chair, seconded by Ms. MacWhinney. There were no other nominations. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

Motion: Mr. Dalton motioned to nominate Dianna Hibinger as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. Rush. There were no other nominations. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held June 19, 2018 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Ms. MacWhinney moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held June 19, 2018 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Ms. Thompson. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Vessels
50 Snowberry Drive
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Vessels provided a presentation regarding disc golf. He discussed the growth of the sport around the United States and internationally. Mr. Vessels discussed that the sport is played by all ages and has many benefits, including it is environmentally friendly, inexpensive to install, little upkeep, enhances parks and communities, and provides low-impact exercise. He provided some potential locations to create a new course in the city which included an area around the Wetland Park and an area near the YMCA on Houk Road.

Tom Wolber
272 Hearthstone Drive
Delaware, Ohio

Mr. Wolber voiced a concern over having a disc golf course around a wooded area due to individuals going off course and stepping on shrubs. He recommended that the Board consider the Wetland Parks area as a more ideal location for the activity.

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

Mr. Byers voiced the need for volunteers at the Dave Staley Triathlon. He also provided information on the Doggie Dive-In event. Ms. Thompson requested information on why Mingo Pool is closed during the Ironman event. Mr. Byers explained that the parking area is utilized for participants and that the pool area is closed due to the increase in traffic and parking needs. Chairwoman Lash also requested clarification on using the pool at Mingo with a membership to other YMCA's. Mr. Byers explained that Delaware YMCA members do receive access to the pool in their membership, but other YMCA members would have to pay a separate membership fee. Mr. Byers also discussed that there will be replacement for broken umbrellas to the pool area and chairs.

ITEM 5. UPDATE of Parks Activities

Mr. Miller informed the Board that concept plans for the Cemetery Master Plan is expected to be ready in August or September. He discussed improvements to Blue Limestone Park in which the basketball court is being installed. He informed the Board that the Community Coalition will be assisting with programming at the new courts. He discussed continued park improvements, including lights at Mingo and the news lines at Smith Park for Pickleball. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the local Pickleball group is hosting a tournament in August.

ITEM 6. RECOMMENDATION of Smoking Restrictions at City Parks – Hidden Valley Golf Course

Mr. Miller discussed that members of the Board had presented to Council at the

July 9th City Council meeting in regards to the Board's recommendation for no tobacco products at parks, excluding Hidden Valley Golf Course. He discussed some of Council's concerns about not including the golf course in the restrictions. Mr. Miller did inform the Board if there had not been complaints received regarding smoking on the course. The Board recommended that Hidden Valley remain excluded from their recommendation for tobacco restrictions at City Parks. They discussed that it may exclude some players from utilizing the course and that they had recommended the addition of beer sales to help increase profits.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION on Bike Parks

Mr. Miller provided exhibits of a bike park located in Lebanon Ohio. He discussed how the park was utilized on a former landfill area and the potential area for a bike park in the City of Delaware.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Mathews thanked the Kiwanis Club for their support on the recently held Little Brown Jug Junior Golf Classic.

ITEM 9. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Bricker provided information on the Delaware Auto Show that will be held July 21.

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger provided information on the Hayes Tennis Team hosting a Rally for the Cure event. She thanked staff for fixing the lights at the tennis courts at Mingo Park.

Mr. Rush voiced a concern over the lack of nearby handicap parking spaces near the splash pad at Veteran's Park.

Councilman Browning requested an update regarding the Lime Bike program. Mr. Miller explained that he was waiting to see the success of the program that is being utilized at nearby cities Worthington and Dublin. Ms. Thompson informed the Board that she had reached out to the program and was informed that they offer a trial period.

Ms. Cunningham informed the Board of the October 13 Ohio Wesleyan University Community Day.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Mr. Bricker. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Alyson Ash

Chairperson

Elaine McCloskey

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk