

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MOTION SUMMARY  
January 15, 2019**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairwoman Lash called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Jim Browning

City Staff Present: Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director

YMCA Staff Present: Liz Zingale, Executive Director

**Motion to Excuse:** Mr. Bricker motioned to excuse Councilmember Browning, seconded by Mr. Dalton. Motion approved by a 10-0 vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held October 16, 2018 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held October 16, 2018 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Rush. Motion approved by a 10-0 vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mr. Miller introduced Executive Director, Liz Zingale, to the Board. Ms. Zingale updated the Board on youth sports and that enrollment is down from 2017. The Father-Daughter Dance was sold out with over 400 couples attending the event. On March 8, 2019 the Mother-Son Super Hero Party will be held and reservations are already being accepted. She requested volunteers to assist with the event. Other classes being offered include fencing, which will require an additional three participants to continue, and a robotics class.

Mr. Miller provided an update regarding the Riptide Swim Team and that a new coach was hired. Ms. Thompson informed the Board that she had received a concern relating to funding and the swim team.

ITEM 5. UPDATE of Parks Activities

Mr. Miller provided an update on the Rutherford B. Hayes Memorial Monument that will be unveiled at the October 4 First Friday event. He will be providing the Board with a Master Plan for the Ross Street Park. He discussed that the Parks Department has moved locations and the open building on Ross Street has the SWCI interested in utilizing the site. He discussed plans to use the site as rental space and for a STEM Lab. An update was provided regarding the Central Avenue trail both west and east of Houk Road. He discussed interest by the Community Coalition to have a 3 on 3 Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. An update was provided on updates to the Mingo facilities which includes new HVAC and lighting.

ITEM 6. REVIEW of YMCA Annual Report

Mr. Miller informed the Board that the report is currently being updated.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION on Oak Grove Cemetery Master Plan

A discussion was held regarding the Oak Grove Cemetery Master Plan. Mr. Miller informed the Board that the financials on the plan were just estimates. He discussed that the City has repaired over 200 headstones and that repairs are being made in sections of the cemetery. He did express that some of the responsibility for repairs was by family members and some stones are too delicate for further repairs. Staff will be receiving training on tombstone repairs.

ITEM 8. STAFF COMMENTS

A discussion was held regarding snow removal and who to contact if a mailbox is damaged during plowing.

ITEM 9 MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. Cunningham provided an update on Ohio Wesleyan Universities Community Day which will be February 16, 2019.

Chairwoman Lash requested a status update on the recommendation from the Board to Council regarding no smoking in parks.

Ms. Thompson informed the Board that she had received a complaint regarding the Riptide Swim Team while the meeting was occurring and that she will have concerns forwarded to Mr. Miller.

Mr. Brookover informed the Board that there was a discussion held in his Environmental AP Science Class regarding what students would like to have in City Parks. He discussed interest in more beautification efforts and educational plaques around the trees at parks.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Mr. Rush. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Chairperson

*Elaine McCloskey*

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk