

**CITY OF DELAWARE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
1 SOUTH SANDUSKY STREET
6:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

March 19, 2019

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL of Motion Summary for the meeting held January 15, 2019 as recorded and transcribed.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services, Programs and Events
 - A. Early Access To Ball Fields
 - B. Sports Report
 - C. Pool Prep Update
5. UPDATE of Parks Activities
6. DISCUSSION on Board Participation at Family Day – April 20
7. DISCUSSION on Bennet Park Community Garden
8. STAFF COMMENTS
9. MEMBERS COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

**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.

Chairperson

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk

Parks Monthly Report January 2019

Parks

Administration	40.0 hours
Mowing	0.0 hours
General Maintenance	520.0 hours
Urban Forestry	26.5 hours
Landscaping	27.0 hours
Snow/Ice Activities	334.5 hours
Recreation Services	0.0 hours

Forestry

Administration	52.0 hours
Public Contact/Responses	18.0 hours
General Tree Maintenance	31.0 hours
Assist Parks	95.0 hours

Oak Grove Cemetery

Administration	163.0 hours
Burials	67.5 hours
Maintenance/Repair	101.0 hours
Mowing	0.0 hours
Leaf Collection/Trees	44.0 hours
Assist Parks	54.0 hours
Number of Interments	9

Hidden Valley Golf Course

- Course Closed For Season
- 1 Punch Cards Sold for 2019
- 2 Membership Sold (10% Discount for 2019)

Donations Made:

NONE

Parks Monthly Report February 2019

Parks

Administration	60.5 hours
Mowing	2.5 hours
General Maintenance	451.0 hours
Urban Forestry	104.5 hours
Landscaping	108.0 hours
Snow/Ice Activities	172.0 hours
Recreation Services	2.0 hours

Forestry

Administration	74.0 hours
Public Contact/Responses	12.5 hours
General Tree Maintenance	47.5 hours
Assist Parks	29.5 hours

Oak Grove Cemetery

Administration	187.5 hours
Burials	29.0 hours
Maintenance/Repair	164.0 hours
Mowing	0.0 hours
Leaf Collection/Trees	0.0 hours
Assist Parks	19.5 hours
Number of Interments	6

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- 2 Punch Cards Sold for 2019
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Donations Made:

4-9 Hole Rounds of Golf-Knights of Columbus-"Fore" Our Veterans Golf Outing
4-9 Hole Rounds of Golf-BV West PTO Carnival

Ted Miller

From: kristin elliott <kristinrpatton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 11:45 AM
To: Ted Miller
Subject: Fwd: Plots

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Thanks!

Kristin

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From: Melissa Bass <melissabass5@icloud.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 11, 2019 at 12:43 AM

Subject: Re: Plots

To: <kristinrpatton@gmail.com>

Melissa Bass
117 Rheem St.
Delaware, Ohio
43015

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From: jmcdonne@columbus.rr.com
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Ted Miller
Subject: Eastside Park garden consideration

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We are not able to attend the March 19th Park Board meeting; however, we do want to express our opinion about the garden that someone in our neighborhood is trying to get for the Eastside Park. We are not in favor of this. We have concerns that it will not be taken care of and that it will turn into a weed patch. We would like to see any moneys that might be designated for this to go toward fixing the standing water problem, especially on the southeast side of the trail and on the baseball field. We are saddened that the field does not seem to be used any more for youth baseball. The field is also in need of maintenance. It would be nice also to have added playground equipment. Thank you for considering our suggestions.

Sincerely,
Kevin and Pat McDonnell
38 Kurrley St

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From: Nana Sparks <littlenanaj@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 2:33 PM
To: Ted Miller
Subject: [BULK] Community Garden at Eastside Park

Importance: Low

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Hi Mr. Miller,

I would just like to voice my opinion about the proposed Community Gardens at Eastside Park. I do not feel like this would be a good idea. Feel like it would create more bugs, more bees, and more critters in the park. Not to mention the fact that there is a group of kids who tore up a bunch of one of the neighbors flowers. I am quite certain that they would take great joy in tearing up what you would put in also. They go over there and dump all your trash barrels and run across all the picnic tables that people eat off of under your shelter.

I would much prefer that you concentrate more on fixing the giant pond that always appears in the T-ball field and in the back of the park those are just a huge breeding ground for mosquito's.

Also the walking path had so many weeds growing up on it last year, you couldn't even tell it was a walking path half of the year.

It is a nice park and we love living here. We use that park every single day and we do our part to take care of it. We always clean up after our pups and sometimes after other people's dogs because they don't.

We think the park is just fine and better off without the Gardens.

Thank you for your time Mr. Miller.

Sincerely,

Nana J. Sparks

Sent from my iPad