

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MOTION SUMMARY**  
**September 17, 2019**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Joshua Bricker, Cassie Cunningham, Bob Dalton, Gary Hayward, Michael Rush, Jill Staugler, Maria Schul, Angela MacWhinney, Councilmember Jim Browning

Members Absent: Corie Thompson and Dianna Hibinger

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

YMCA Staff Present: Lolita Haverlock, Regional VP of Operations

**Motion to Excuse:** Mr. Bricker motioned to excuse Ms. Hibinger and Ms. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hayward. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 2. WELCOME New Members – Jillian Staugler and Maria Schul

ITEM 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Chairperson

**Motion:** Mr. Dalton motioned to nominate Mr. Bricker as Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Hayward. There were no other nominations. Motion approved by a 8-0-1 (Bricker) vote.

B. Vice-Chairperson

**Motion:** Mr. Hayward motioned to nominate Ms. Hibinger as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Rush. There were no other nominations. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held March 19, 2019 as recorded and transcribed.

**Motion:** Councilman Browning moved to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held March 19, 2019 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Hayward. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEM 6. UPDATE of YMCA Recreation Services, Programs and Events  
Ms. Haverlock provided a summary of youth programming and adult programs. She discussed that Jack Florance Pool is currently shut down and staff is working to clean and provide necessary maintenance to the pool. She reviewed upcoming special events, including the Color Run, Halloween Party, and the Neighborhood Block Party that will be hosted by the YMCA.

ITEM 7. UPDATE of Parks Activities

A. City/YMCA Partnership

1. Recreation Programming

Mr. Miller addressed recent concerns relating the YMCA partnership and that the City and YMCA are looking at different ways to make the partnership better. The two entities are looking at improving organization, timeliness and schedules. He discussed the 60 day plan that they are working on. He discussed looking at different digital ways to notify staff of low chlorine levels and the need for better training for pool managers and staff.

Ms. MacWhinney discussed the need for systematic and repetitive training for lifeguards to ensure safety practices and understanding of responsibilities.

2. Delaware Force Aquatics

Mr. Miller discussed that the YMCA looked into the option of allowing the Force Aquatics utilize pool time. The YMCA currently offers this program and has recently hired a new swim coach and aquatics director. Force Aquatics was notified that they would not have access to the pool lanes for practice.

3. Mingo Pool

Mr. Miller discussed the nationwide lifeguard shortages and that there were improvements as the season went on.

4. Mingo Recreation Center

Mr. Miller discussed maintenance improvements and solutions. He discussed that these would be funded through the park levy.

B. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Mr. Miller discussed the need to have a assessment of public wants and park needs. He discussed the various funding sources for the survey and that the

last Master Plan was completed in 2002. Ms. MacWhinney discussed the concern on not waiting for the 2020 Census to be completed and how will the survey be completed and ensure that the underserved will be part of the statistics. Mr. Miller discussed that it will be a statistically valued survey and will require a percentage of participation from all parts of the city. Mr. Browning discussed a article relating to Park Equity and how lower income areas can be overlooked on recreation needs. Mr. Bricker voiced support for the survey.

C. Park Signage

Mr. Miller provided examples of the proposed signage. He discussed putting kiosks in the parks.

D. Park Naming – Wetland Park and Heatherton/Willowbrook Park

Mr. Miller provided a map of the park area and thoughts to add shelter housed and amenities, such as, fishing, frisbee golf, and a cross country track. The Board discussed name changes, but felt it would be better to establish what amenities will be at the park prior to a name.

E. Heatherton/Willowbrook Park Public Meeting

Mr. Miller provided information on the park public meeting date and time.

F. Ross Street Park Public Meeting

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION and RECOMMENDATION on Veterans Park Splash Pad Play Structures and Concerns

Mr. Miller discussed concerns with two structures in the splash pad area that children climb on and have fallen off. He informed the Board that there are no climbing signage on the structures. Ms. MacWhinney voiced a concern that if the idea is to not have kids climb it then they need to be removed as children can't read the no climbing sign. Mr. Miller discussed replacing the structure with ground mounted sprinkler system.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carrie Reebel  
1835 Warren Rd.  
Ostrander, Ohio

Myra Rund  
312 Basswood St  
Delaware, Ohio

Ms. Reebel discussed that her son fell off the rock structure and had to have 7

stitches. She requested the removal of the structures for safety.

**Motion:** Ms. MacWhinney motioned to remove the structures from the splash pad, seconded by Mr. Hayward. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION and Recommendation of Planet Aide Bin located at Mingo Park

The Board voiced their concern over the bin not being emptied on a routine basis and that it will pile up debris. The Board recommended that a bin not be located in the parks.

ITEM 10. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller provided an update on Delaware Greenways and the goal for trail development. He provided information on a national program for Healthy Kids Running Series at Veterans Park. The Board requested that he confirm that this will not impact a running club organized by the YMCA and possibly use a different location if there is. He provided a proposed location of two cricket fields at Veterans Park. He discussed that the pitch would be concrete and the current fields can be moved around to accommodate safety away from the pitches. He also provided information regarding cameras that will be used at the skate park. One camera will be utilized for the public and the other camera with zoom abilities will be utilized by the police.

ITEM 11 MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Browning informed the Board that the no smoking policy was approved by City Council.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Dalton moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Mr. Rush. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
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Chairperson

  
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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk