



**Park and Recreation Board
June 11, 2025 - 6:00 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- May 14, 2025

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Administrative Reports

- Various Updates

Adjournment



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

May 14, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

CALL TO ORDER: The Park and Recreation Board meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Marchetti at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Michael Marchetti, Paul Koloszar, Josh Howard, Joe Grace, and Ben Wagner.

Staff members present: Public Works Director Gary Morton and Recording Secretary Donna Campbell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Koloszar moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 9, 2025; seconded by Mr. Howard. Voice vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Casey Walters, Wee Hornet Football and Cheer, appeared before the Board to discuss the 2025 football and cheer practice, which will be from July 1, 2025, to November 30, 2025.

Mr. Koloszar made a motion to approve the use of Community Park by Wee Hornet Football and Cheer, LLC from July 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025 for their 2025 practices for football and cheer; seconded by Mr. Grace. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Morton advised the Board that Monroe Crossings Park survey work regarding the parking lot project has been completed. Although the first draft has not yet been received, they are starting to assemble that project.

Mr. Morton discussed Community Park and stated that the City should hear soon if we are granted easements, paying for easements, or buying the right-of-way for that project. Mr. Morton dropped off finalized drawings to accommodate both property owners and is awaiting responses to move that project forward.

Mr. Morton then mentioned Bicentennial Commons and stated the survey work is complete for the design of the trail, and in a couple of months, we should see 30% drawings as to what that



looks like around the current circular path around the park. Mr. Morton also discussed the slippery painted area at Bicentennial Commons, which is creating a safety concern. Public Works had a new company come in and do a sample test area where they ground down the painted portion and resurfaced it at approximately \$6,500. If the test area is successful, the charge to move forward and redo all the painted areas would be roughly \$125,000. Of course, Public Works would wait until it was cured and tested in rainy situations before moving forward. Mr. Morton stated he would take this to the Public Works Committee and then City Council and would request to use part of the \$1,000,000 surplus for the parks that was set aside for the trail to get this completed and then replace those funds in the next budget cycle due to safety concerns. Mr. Koloszar mentioned that in the future, with large surface areas, perhaps using pavers or other surface options should be considered. Mr. Morton stated that pavers bring different challenges, but can be looked at in the future and further design work. The current consideration is to grind it, prepare the surface, and recoat the area. Public Works continues to work through the process and try to find a solution.

Mr. Marchetti mentioned that there are marker flags at Crossings Park and wondered if it was regarding the parking lot project or if a water line would be going in. Mr. Morton stated it was probably part of the survey, or the Water Department may be working on the drinking fountains, but the City has no intention of running a water line to or through the soccer fields.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Koloszar moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Howard. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campbell
Recording Secretary