



**Park and Recreation Board  
October 8, 2025 - 6:00 PM  
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

- August 13, 2025

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Administrative Reports**

- Various Updates

**Adjournment**



## **PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**

**August 13, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

**233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Staff members present: Public Works Director Gary Morton, Assistant Public Works Director Brian Perkins, and Recording Secretary Donna Campbell.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Koloszar moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 11, 2025; seconded by Mr. Granville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mr. Morton discussed Community Park and mentioned they have not been able to acquire easements on either side for the drainage project. He mentioned he has reached out several times and has not heard anything back. One option would be installing a lift station for stormwater, but the lift station itself would cost approximately \$1,000,000 and require a lot of maintenance, so that would not be something the City would want to do. The design engineer has been asked to show a plan to relocate the existing road into the park. The main entrance into the park would then be up on top, where the gravel driveway is. Then, more water detention could be added to the area where the road curves into the park, and not as much parking in the field area would be lost. The plan would be to roll the 2025 money into the 2026 budget and get the project approved for the 2026 construction year.

Mr. Morton mentioned that crews worked at the Disc Golf Course at Community Park along with the Disc Golf Association, which included tree trimming, clean-up, gravel, mulch, and the addition of alternate baskets. Mr. Morton stated that the Touch-A-Truck event was held at Community Park on Friday, August 8, 2025, and was well-received.



Mr. Morton discussed Bicentennial Commons and mentioned that work is ongoing on the design of the loop around the park's interior. The City of Monroe applied for two separate grants for the bike trail and was awarded both. One grant is for \$1.1 million, and the other is approximately \$1 million. One grant funds the loop inside the park, while the other covers the remaining straight segment that runs along the river and Dick's Creek. This amounts to about \$2 million in grant funding, with a 90/10 split up to that amount. The City will still have roughly \$2 million in the total overall project. The City also received systemic safety funding, as the bike path currently along Route 4 will be relocated to the Great Miami River Trail. The goal is to build the loop within the park in 2026, and the other part of the project is expected in fiscal year 2029. Mr. Morton and the board discussed the ongoing issues and erosion problems at the park.

Mr. Morton also mentioned that the painted concrete at Bicentennial Commons is slippery when wet, but redoing all the painted surfaces would cost approximately \$125,000. The City is still determining what that will entail.

Mr. Morton stated that the Board received the rendering of the Crossings Park parking lot project. The City felt this would be the best option for various reasons. There is a meeting coming up with the design team next week, and the City will continue looking at refining a few items. The Engineer's Estimate is just under \$4,000,000. The Board did have a few comments, which are still being reviewed. Mr. Marchetti's comments included a futsal multi-use court. He mentioned that soccer would be willing to help with maintenance on it, and he also stated he would talk to the Soccer Board and see if they could get a grant to assist with funding.

Mr. Granville made a motion to cancel the September 10, 2025, meeting and make October 8, 2025, the next Park and Recreation Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Howard. Voice vote. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Park and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campbell  
Recording Secretary