



**Park and Recreation Board**  
**July 8, 2026 - 6:00 PM**  
**233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

- May 13, 2026

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Administrative Reports**

- Various Updates

**Adjournment**



## **PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**

**May 13, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

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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, Jonathan Granville, Mandy Birdwell, and Callie Fisher.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Granville moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2026; seconded by Ms. Fisher. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Casey Walters, Wee Hornet Football and Cheer, appeared before the Board to discuss the 2026 football and cheer practice, which will be from July 15, 2026, to November 30, 2026.

**Ms. Fisher made a motion to approve the use of Community Park by Wee Hornet Football and Cheer, LLC from July 15, 2026, to November 30, 2026, for their 2026 football and cheer practices; seconded by Ms. Birdwell. Voice vote. Motion carried.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Mr. Perkins advised the Park and Recreation Board that playground mulch (certified playground chips) has been placed in all the parks, and that crews continue landscaping and cleanup.

Mr. Perkins mentioned that at Community Park, a Disc Golf Tournament was held on April 26, 2026, and that crews cleaned up the area for the tournament. He also discussed that Community Park is still in design and may be bid later this year or next year, depending on funding, and may need to be phased out. He mentioned that the new entrance off Main Street will come in down the middle of the green space, and then there will be more parking and a detention area to the right. Ms. Fisher asked about the Old Street entrance to the park and whether it could be made into two lanes. Mr. Perkins stated that it is not wide enough, and they have looked at designing the Old Street entrance to the park to eventually make it a two-lane road, which may happen in the future. Mr. Perkins discussed 2026 events at Community Park, noting a large turnout for the



Food Truck Fair on May 7, 2026, and that the Movie in the Parks series will begin on June 13, 2026.

Mr. Perkins went on to discuss Crossings Park and stated the Traffic Engineer has some concerns regarding the new design. The design includes an additional parking lot at the front, close to the entrance. Because people turn left, the Traffic Engineer is concerned about safety. A roundabout is being discussed either in the park or at the entrance to make it safer. Mr. Perkins also mentioned that there was a leak when Crossings Park restrooms were opened. The repair was completed by the Public Works Department, which saved money.

Mr. Perkins updated the Board regarding Bicentennial Commons. He stated that Majors Enterprises was the low bidder for the loop project. He advised that it should go to Council in the near future for approval and that it should be started and completed later this year. The riverside section is being designed with Stantec, and they will also be doing the stream bank stabilization at Dick's Creek due to erosion. It is anticipated that Stantec will be able to complete the construction this fall if the design is completed. Mr. Perkins stated that construction of the rest of the trail will occur in the future, possibly in 2028, but it is currently in design. Mr. Hagedorn asked about the bridge and where Butler County stands on the bridge connecting to the trail. Mr. Perkins stated that when the bridge is delivered, some telephone poles will need to be removed, and he has not been updated on whether construction will take place this year or be limited to the bridge delivery. Mr. Perkins discussed the recent Coffee and Crawlers event at Bicentennial Commons on May 9, 2026, and stated that this year's turnout was larger than last year's, when it rained.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campbell  
Recording Secretary