



Park and Recreation Board
April 10, 2024 - 6:00 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- March 13, 2024

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Administrative Reports

- Update on Bicentennial Commons Hydrology Study
- Update on Community Park Hydrology Study

Adjournment



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

March 13, 2024 – 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 Paul Koloszar at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Granville moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 14, 2024; seconded by Mr. Marchetti. Voice vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Josh King, Police Department, appeared before the Board to discuss the 2024 Jeeps and Java event at Bicentennial Commons on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., which includes set-up, the event, and the teardown.

Mr. Granville made a motion to approve the use of Bicentennial Commons by the Police Department on Saturday, May 11, 2024, for the 2024 Jeeps and Java event; seconded by Mr. Marchetti. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Morton discussed the City of Monroe's April 8, 2024 solar eclipse event (Party in the Dark, A Solarbration). He mentioned that there is information on the City website about the event where you can purchase shirts, etc. City staff will be working the event from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. and the Cincinnati Circus will set up blow-ups, a climbing wall, bounce houses, etc. At this point, there will be 13 food trucks and 2 drink vendors. Area churches will also let the City of Monroe use their lots for parking. The City will be giving out approximately 4,000 solar eclipse glasses.



Mr. Morton mentioned that he is working on bid documents for the concession stand roof at Community Park. Public Works will be required to get three bids since it should be under \$75,000 so it will not require advertising. It is anticipated to go to Council for approval at the first meeting in May, 2024. Public Works is also working on having a mini split A.C. unit installed, new cabinets, flooring, etc. for the concession stand and M.S.A. has purchased a new ice machine.

Mr. Morton discussed the Community Park Hydrology Study. Fishbeck provided three options for the City to consider. The first option is an open ditch channeled out to Cincinnati Dayton Road with small areas of retention along the ditch to hold water before it gets to the ditch at Cincinnati Dayton Road. This would be the least expensive option. The other two options talk about underground storage, but would add a lift station, which would increase cost significantly. The first option is \$58,000 for Phase 1 for engineering, which will be from the ditch line at Cincinnati Dayton Road going east to where the road turns and the parking lot begins at the baseball fields. That price includes designing the open ditch from Cincinnati Dayton Road back to the edge of the parking lot. It also includes some geotechnical work and drawings needed to do any land acquisition, easements needed, etc. This does not include land acquisition that may be needed. Phase 1 design would be in 2024 and Phase 1 construction would tentatively be 2025 (pending Council approval). Mr. Morton stated he planned to present Phase 1 to City Council on March 26, 2024, for approval. Mr. Morton also discussed Phases 2, 2A, and 3.

Mr. Koloszar made a motion to move the Planning Phase of the Community Park Hydrology Study forward to City Council for consideration with the Park and Recreation Board's recommendation to approve; seconded by Mr. Granville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Morton stated Fishbeck is still making a few additional changes to the Bicentennial Commons Hydrology Study and dividing it into phases; therefore, this will be discussed at a future Park and Recreation Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Park and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campbell
Recording Secretary