



Park and Recreation Board
June 12, 2024 - 6:00 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- May 8, 2024

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Administrative Reports

- Updates

Adjournment



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

May 8, 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 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Paul Koloszar, Jonathan Granville, Josh Howard, Joe Grace, 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 April 10, 2024; 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 2024 football and cheer practice, which will be from July 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024.

Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the use of Community Park by Wee Hornet Football and Cheer, LLC from July 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 for their 2024 practices for football and cheer; seconded by Mr. Granville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Morton advised the Board that there was a kick-off meeting for Phase One design on Community Park Drainage Improvements the previous week. This will start at the roadside ditch at Cincinnati Dayton Road then go back up the ditch line almost to the concession building area. It should be about 50% design by the end of June, which will allow the City to have budget numbers for the 2025 Capital Budget and see where it scores with other projects in the capital budget. He also mentioned that Public Works crews have done drainage work on Field #2 and made major improvements in keeping that field dry. Design work will be completed in October, and if funded in the 2025 budget, it will be ready to be bid in January, with dirt being moved possibly in May, 2025.



Mr. Morton discussed Bicentennial Commons and stated that the emergency phone is nearly operational. Public Works will be setting up meetings with contractors regarding painted areas being slippery. They may investigate grinding off existing paint and change it to something different. Mr. Wagner mentioned that the Public Works Committee will review various items/projects regarding Bicentennial Commons and the Master Plan may need to be revisited.

Mr. Morton stated that the Public Works crews continue weekly maintenance in the various parks.

Mr. Morton mentioned that an AED has been installed at Crossings Park. Baseball has requested an AED at Community Park, and they have been advised that the Monroe Soccer Association owns the AED, but Public Works paid for the box and installed the equipment, and the City would do that for baseball once they purchase the AED. Public Works also had an RFP for engineering services on the parking lot at Monroe Crossings for maximizing parking, additional parking, electric for food trucks and lights, etc., but the price is still being negotiated.

Mr. Koloszar commented on the budget and monies available to achieve various projects. Mr. Morton stated there may be a small amount, but the major portion of the parks budget is going toward the design of Phase One for the Community Park Drainage Improvements.

Mr. Morton stated that Mr. Granville had emailed information regarding the MetroParks Community Grant Program, and City staff will be looking into projects that could be applied toward the \$5,000 maximum. The Board discussed various items the grant could go towards.

Mr. Morton discussed the Great Miami River Trail and mentioned that no action items are going on with the trail at the present time. The City has applied for three different grants in the past year, but has not received any new grant funding, nor do they have any leads on any other grant funding viable for the project. The City will continue to have conversations as the year moves forward and will be discussing the project with the Miami Conservancy District. Mr. Morton and the Board discussed various issues regarding the continuation and completion of the city portion of the trail.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Park and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campbell
Recording Secretary