



Park and Recreation Board
August 14, 2024 - 6:00 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- June 12, 2024

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Administrative Reports

- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) Installation Progress
- Park and Recreation Board Rules and Regulations Updating

Adjournment



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

June 12, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

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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, Michael Marchetti, and Ben Wagner.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Marchetti moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 8, 2024; seconded by Mr. Howard. Voice vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Morton updated the Board that at the May 28, 2024 City Council meeting, Council voted to release the grant money for the Great Miami River Trail from OKI and ODNR. The funds from OKI and ODNR couldn't be spent because the project scope could not be changed, and the City did not have the cash funds to fund the rest of the project. The rights to that funding have been released and the City is currently working with Stantec to re-engineer the trail. This time the trail will be designed in four segments and that will allow the City to break up the construction into smaller pieces so the funding should be more obtainable.

Mr. Morton advised the Board that preliminary drawings for Phase One of Community Park drainage have not been received, but that is in the process.

Mr. Morton mentioned Bicentennial Commons and discussed parking. In one of the four phases of the trail, handicapped parking will be added at the front of the park. As far as expanding parking on the east side of the tracks where the parking lot is now, there are no plans for that at the present time, but the City does have an agreement with Butler Tech to utilize their parking lots as needed.



Mr. Moton discussed the July 10, 2024 Board meeting, which is normally cancelled due to vacations. He mentioned he also talked to the City Manager regarding the fact that with budgets as they are, projects in design and one-day events no longer coming before the Board, perhaps meeting quarterly instead of monthly. Mr. Wagner discussed budgeting for 2025 and asked what projects would come from Public Works for parks because the Board may have some ideas. Mr. Morton stated that the project he planned on requesting would be the engineering for the Great Miami River Trail and the construction of Phase One at Community Park. Mr. Granville mentioned that three items the Board may need to review would be the Mission/Vision Statement, Rules and Regulations, and the Master Plans. The Board discussed reviewing the Vision/Mission Statements and Park and Recreation Board Rules and Regulations at the August 14, 2024 meeting and discussing the three park Master Plans at the September 11, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Granville made a motion to cancel the July 10, 2024 meeting and make August 14, 2024 the next Park and Recreation Board Meeting; seconded by Mr. Marchetti. Voice vote. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Park and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campbell
Recording Secretary