



Park and Recreation Board
March 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- February 12, 2025

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Administrative Reports

- Various Updates

Adjournment



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

February 12, 2025 – 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 Michael Marchetti at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

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 January 22, 2025; seconded by Mr. Granville. Voice vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Haddix, Monroe Sports Association (Baseball), attended the Park and Recreation Board meeting regarding the 2025 Monroe Application/Use Agreement from March 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 for baseball's use of Monroe Community Park. The Board discussed various items regarding baseball and the season with Mr. Haddix. Mr. Grace asked why MSA did not post their practice schedules and Mr. Haddix said coaches have access to it, but they could put it on the website. Mr. Granville also mentioned MSA posting their schedule to the park bulletin board and Mr. Haddix stated they can also post it there as well as the website.

Mr. Koloszar made a motion to approve the use of Community Park by the Monroe Sports Association (Baseball) for the 2025 season contingent upon renewal of their insurance policy that expires March 22, 2025; seconded by Mr. Howard. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Matt Ellis, Monroe Sports Association (Soccer), attended the Park and Recreation Board meeting regarding the 2025 Monroe Application/Use Agreement from March 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025 for soccer's use of Monroe Crossings Park.

Mr. Koloszar made a motion to approve the use of Crossings Park by the Monroe Sports Association (Soccer) for the 2025 season contingent upon renewal of their insurance policy that expires July 1, 2025; seconded by Mr. Granville. Voice vote. Motion carried.



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Perkins discussed the 2025 Movie in the Park series and suggested Saturday, June 14, 2025, Moana 2; Saturday, July 12, 2025, Wicked; and Saturday, August 9, 2025, Despicable Me 4 for the dates and movies.

Mr. Granville made a motion to approve the City of Monroe’s 2025 Movies in the Park series on Saturday, June 14, 2024 (Moana 2), Saturday, July 12, 2024 (Wicked) and Saturday, August 9, 2025 (Despicable Me 4); seconded by Mr. Koloszar. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Morton discussed the draft Park and Recreation Board Rules and Regulations and requested any suggestions the Board might have. He mentioned this would also need to be reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Koloszar mentioned Section 4.3 regarding Commercial Photography/Filming, and Mr. Perkins and Mr. Morton discussed that in 2024, a company requested to film in the park regarding a person with a medical condition; therefore, this will address such a situation. Mr. Marchetti discussed drones and any restrictions. Staff discussed this with the Board and stated this will be discussed with the City drone pilots, etc., to get clarification and may be added to the rules and regulations. Mr. Koloszar discussed Park Rules for Non-Profit Sports Leagues, Section 6.2 Compliance with all City Ordinances, and whether this should be addressed elsewhere in the rules and regulations. Mr. Granville mentioned that perhaps Section 1.2 should be more specific and that “these regulations shall apply to all city regulations and policies” should be added to address and resolve that. Board and staff discussed Section 5.1 and revising the first item to eliminate meeting rooms since that does not apply. Batting cages were also discussed and mentioned that those belong to MSA (Baseball), but anyone can use them if not in use by the sports organization. The concession stand is also for the organization's use as they store equipment, etc., there. Shelters were mentioned and Mr. Perkins clarified that only Community Park shelters are being reserved now. The Park and Recreation Board Rules and Regulations will be returned to the Board for final review in the future.

Mr. Morton went on to update the Board on various projects. Bicentennial Commons was discussed, and the Board was advised that on February 11, 2025 Council approved the professional services agreement with Fishbeck for \$93,440 for design services related to the Bicentennial Commons Park Multi-Use Loop Trail project. He also mentioned a grant that was being applied for to use at Bicentennial Commons. Mr. Morton went on to discuss Crossings Park and the 2025 design to update the parking lot, security/safety lighting, cameras, and electricity for food trucks. He also mentioned the Community Park Hydrology project and how that will move forward. Mr. Perkins stated that pricing will be obtained for replacing fencing at Community Park on Field #4 and #5. Mr. Haddix mentioned that Field #5 should be a priority. Mr. Perkins stated that Public Works also aims to reseal and restripe at Community Park in 2025.



ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campbell
Recording Secretary