

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – March 3, 2020 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kappers, President.

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Kappers, President
Mr. Richard Jordan Emerick, Vice-President
Mrs. Susan Westfall, Secretary

Others Present: Jeremy Drake, Park Superintendent
Ken Siler, Recreation Director
Kyler Booher, Director of Golf
Patrick Titterington, Director of Public Service and Safety
City staff

The minutes of the February 11, 2020 Board of Park Commissioners and February 19, 2020 Special Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote following a motion by Mrs. Westfall, seconded by Mr. Emerick. Motion approve by unanimous roll call vote.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent Jeremy Drake submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake updated the Commission on the work being completed at the Troy Senior Citizen Center. He stated work is close to being finished and everything is looking very nice. Mr. Drake stated an open house date should be announced soon. He also noted the annual winter tree work is wrapping up and staff is preparing the fields for the spring sports season. Mr. Drake said two of the south soccer fields at Duke Park will not be used due to much needed repairs being made. The fields will be ready to use for the fall soccer season.
- Mr. Siler submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Siler stated the event held the previous Sunday was very well attended and received by the attendees. Maintenance Staff is now preparing Hobart Arena for the upcoming OHSAA District Wrestling Tournament. Administrative staff is finishing up Recreation Soccer and Softball registration for the 2020 spring season. Mr. Kappers also asked about the announcement of Urban Meyer coming to Troy's Hobart Arena. Mr. Siler stated Urban Meyer will be coming to perform a motivational speech and the event is hosted by the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, Upper Valley Medical Center and Dungan & LeFevre. Mr. Kappers asked if Hobart Arena will host basketball games in the future. Mr. Siler stated with the local high schools building new facilities within the past several years, they are now able to host events with larger crowds. If the OHSAA has interest in using Hobart Arena, the arena could host. As of now, staff doesn't pursue hosting basketball due to it taking away from hosting hockey events. Staff would have to evaluate if hosting basketball games would be beneficial to the arena.
- Mr. Booher submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher noted the golf course is hoping to open for the season on March 4 but that date is weather dependent. Golf carts will not be permitted on the course until it dries up. Staff will continue to mow the greens and have the fairways ready to go. Mr. Booher thanked the Cemetery Department Staff for helping install a retaining wall outside of the cart barn. Mr. Booher stated staff is ready for the season to start.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jill Rhoades, City of Troy Engineer requested the board recommend to City Council an easement through Joe Reardon Skatepark. She explained that as coordination for the West Main Street utility work began, DP&L identified a capital improvement project that allows them to upgrade several Troy neighborhoods from 4 KV to 12 KV. As part of this capital project, staff has been working with DP&L regarding relocating their overhead utility pole line between the CSX Railroad Spur and Weston Road.

The rerouted pole line utilizes portions of an existing pole line. The goal is that by coordinating with DP&L, the least intrusive path for the proposed relocated utility pole line will be achieved. The location of the proposed utility pole is in the right-of-way and through Joe Reardon Skatepark. To accomplish the pole relocation an easement is required to be executed between DP&L and the City. A motion was made by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mrs. Westfall that the park board recommends to Troy City Council granting the easement for the pole relocation. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- Statue of former Mayor Peter Jenkins placed in the Mayor's Park – Mr. Jeremy Drake stated a group of citizens have fundraised money to purchase and install a statue of former Mayor Peter Jenkins in the Mayor's Park. Mr. Drake noted the placement of the statue will be close to the walkway and will not have any impact to the existing landscaping. At this time, it is not known which way the statue will be facing. A motion was made by Mr. Kappers accepting the placement of the statue in honor of Mayor Peter Jenkins in the Mayor's Park, seconded by Mr. Emerick. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
- Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Sue Knight confirmed that the board members received the email stating the confirmed date that the Air Force Band of Flight will be performing at Treasure Island Park this upcoming summer.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Emerick, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,