

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES – May 7, 2019 4:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Alan Kappers, President
Mrs. Susan Westfall, Secretary

Members of the Park Board Absent: Mr. Jordan Emerick, Vice President

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

The minutes from the April 2, 2019 Board of Park Commissioners meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote following a motion by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mrs. Westfall.

REPORTS:

- Park Superintendent Jeremy Drake had submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Drake noted that the Park Department will be using the asset tracking system with the help from the GIS Department. This system will provide them more accurate tracking for mowers, vehicles, playground equipment, shelters, and more. There is a learning process with the system but as the employees continue to get comfortable with it, this will be a big help in the future especially with budget preparation. Mr. Drake also noted that he has been working with two citizens at the skate park with improvements for the future and they will be presenting. Mr. Kappers asked about the vandalism at the Treasure Island Park restroom. Mr. Drake stated when staff went to close the facility between 10:00-11:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 they found one sink had been pulled away from the wall and the other sink was pulled off the wall and broken. Estimated damage was around \$300.00 and everything has been fixed to date.
- Mr. Siler had submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes) and commented that staff has been doing prep work for the Troy Aquatic Park to open on May 25. Staff has been involved in training so they are ready for the 2019 season. Season pass sales are going well. Sales are up 20% compared to last year at this time. Mr. Siler also noted the parking lot has been under construction. The north and east lot of the pool has been repaved. Once the Troy Strawberry Festival is over, the remainder of the lot will be under construction. Sewer drainage will be installed which is a drastic improvement due to standing water over half of the lot after heavy rain. Lastly, Mr. Siler stated that Hobart Arena staff has been assisting the Miami Shores concession staff prepare for the opening of The Shoreline.
- Mr. Booher had submitted a report (copy attached to original minutes). Mr. Booher reported a construction update. The pending projected opening date is May 17, this is when Frontier would be on site to cut power from the trailer pending everything is ready for opening at the new clubhouse. Mr. Kappers asked the status of the fairways and Mr. Booher stated the fairways have been seeded and there is growth. There are a couple of fairways that still have spots that are not growing but 95% of the fairways are growing. Staff is roping off the areas so carts don't travel over the spots that are slower to grow. Members have provided positive feedback on the progress the course has taken so staff will continue the process they are following. Mrs. Westfall asked how the new driving range is being accepted. Mr. Booher stated it has been very successful and is seeing continued increase in usage. Mr. Booher noted that sales reports are showing above expectations results.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consideration of lowering golf club storage fees for 2019 season – In December 2018, the Board of Park Commissioners approved the fee to be \$60.00 per season. Due to continued construction, the golfers have lost two months of storage. Mr. Booher recommends decreasing the fee to \$45.00 due to the lost time. A motion was made by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mrs. Westfall to accept lowering the golf storage fee for the 2019 season.
- Consider approval of a logo design for The Shoreline at Miami Shores Golf Course Event/Concession area – Presented are several logo options to be used for The Shoreline. Mr. Kappers and Mrs. Westfall like the logo with trees in the background due to resemblance of Miami Shores Golf Course which is logo “E”. The other logo they like has the sunset in the background which is logo “A”. Mr. Booher stated the logo will be seen on the outside of the new clubhouse building, concession area and products, and the stationary. Mr. Kappers suggest the logo with the trees but not list Troy, Ohio on the logo and Mrs. Westfall feels that is a good choice. A motion was made by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mrs. Westfall to accept logo “E” that has the trees without the Troy, Ohio, motion approved.
- Matt Williams, resident of Troy, Ohio, currently works in the skate board industry and has been interested in skate boarding his entire life. Mr. Williams approached Park Superintendent Jeremy Drake with improvements that can be made to the Joe Reardon Skatepark. Mr. Williams feels that what a City feels is a good skate park is completely different than what skateboarders feel is a good skatepark. Mr. Williams feels there is potential to improve the park with items currently on site along with additions in future years. Mr. Williams feels if we improve the park, the skateboarders will feel the City cares and hopefully it will cut down on future vandalism. Mr. Kappers feels it is important to improve the park to the interest of the skateboarders and noted the park does need benches for people to use when visiting the park. Mr. Williams also commented if we make capital improvements to the park, it will increase the image of the park and be more welcoming to visitors. Mr. Kappers stated his appreciation for Mr. Williams attending the meeting and voicing his concerns and passions for the park.
- Stan Kegley, employee of the City of Troy, presented that Treasure Island Park has started hosting more events and becoming a bigger attraction for our community. One challenge Treasure Island Park is facing is ordinance 933.07, the park is to close at 11:00 p.m. during the summer months. Concerts are taking place at Treasure Island Park and the events are extending past the closing time. Per the ordinance, the Park Superintendent can arrange special hours for the events to last past 11:00 p.m. Another challenge is ordinance 933.16, camping in City Parks. Last summer, the City hosted a camping event at Treasure Island Park but they had to go through Council Committee and then to City Council to allow camping to take place at Treasure Island Park. It was a lot of work that could be eliminated if the Park Superintendent was allowed to make exceptions for case by case events. Mr. Kappers made a motion to recommend to Council to amend the ordinance to permit the Park Superintendent to grant an exception for case by case events and allow camping at Treasure Island Park, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, motion approved.
- Chuck Fox, 216 Penn Road represents Troy Civic Theatre – Several months ago he presented to the Board of Park Commissioners a plan to add a new electronic scrolling sign at the entrance of City Park and they now have the funding for their new sign. The new sign will be in the same place as the existing sign. Currently there is no electric to the sign but stated there is a pole that is close to run electric from. The pole/sign will have a meter placed on it to track what it is using for the sign. The new sign will be also shared with Hobart Arena so if the Barn in the Park is not using the sign, Hobart Arena or the City of Troy can use it for scrolling information. Mr. Drake asked if the electric would be trenched over to the pole and Mr. Fox stated it would be trenched over to the pole. Mr. Fox said they will be working with the City to make sure this is done properly. Mr. Kappers made a motion to grant permission to Troy Civic Theater to place a new electronic sign in the existing place on the bottom portion on the sign, electric being trenched over from the pole to the sign, and share usage of the sign with Hobart Arena and the sign is to follow all City sign ordinances within the City of Troy, motion seconded by Mrs. Westfall, motion approved.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, by unanimous voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,