

MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
TUESDAY, June 6, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4:00 P.M.

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

Members of the Park Board Present: Mr. Alan Kappers, President
 Mr. Levi Fox, Vice President
 Mrs. Becky Pierce, Secretary

Others present: Jeremy Drake Park Superintendent
 Ken Siler Recreation Director
 Ken Green Director of Golf
 Michael Beamish Mayor
 Sue Knight Administrative Assistant
 Citizens

The minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting were approved following a motion by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mrs. Pierce.

REPORTS:

- The report from Jeremy Drake, Park Superintendent, was accepted as submitted. Mr. Drake added the Park Department received a check in the amount of \$5,000 from The Acorn Society to be used to convert tennis courts at Duke Park to pickleball courts. The Board thanked The Acorn Society.
- The report from Ken Siler, Recreation Director, was accepted as submitted. Mr. Siler added Summer Ice programs began yesterday. Also, the amount of pool passes sold so far is on target with the numbers from last year. Last year was the second highest year for number of pool passes sold.
- The report from Ken Green, Director of Miami Shores Golf Course, was accepted as submitted. Mr. Kappers noted the concession stand is doing well. Mr. Green thanked Troy Noon Optimist Club for their sponsorship of the Strawberry Festival Jr. Golf Tournament.
- There was no report from the Planning Commission.

REQUEST FROM TROY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION:

Jeremy Drake received a request from David Pappas of the Strawberry Soccer Invitational Committee to have a building constructed in Duke Park for the purpose of storing equipment used during the annual soccer tournament. (The request is attached to these minutes) This equipment is correctly housed in the Berry Barn on Dye Mill Road. The Berry Barn is a storage barn for Strawberry Festival equipment and is becoming very full. The requested building would match the color scheme and style of the existing buildings. The committee expecting to pay the entire cost for the building and any cost associated with the preparation for the construction. Mr. Drake added in the past other groups had expressed interest in having a building for storage at Duke Park.

Therefore, the committee has stated they would be agreeable to other groups adding on to this proposed structure. This would give each group their own access door and keep everyone divided. Also, it would allow for one building to be built rather than each group having separate buildings. Mr. Drake was asked if there is enough space at the proposed location to accommodate the suggested additions and he replied there would be plenty of space. There was discussion regarding the exact location and how the additions would change the layout of the proposed building. Mr. Drake suggested the Troy Mountain Bike Area may be interested in one of the additions and they are in the process of receiving a grant so the funds may be available for them to consider this. It was mentioned Troy Jr. Football does have its own building at Duke Park for concession, the announcer booth and storage but they may be interested in more storage as well. It was suggested that instead of adding additions externally maybe wooden cages could be added to the structure internally to divide storage space amongst the groups. The status of the Huelskamp residence and barn was questioned as the barn could potentially be used for storage. Mr. Siler stated the Arena had been using the barn for storage during the renovation and it is expected everything will be moved back to the Arena in the next couple of weeks. Once the barn and residence are emptied it is anticipated the residence will be sold and it is unknown at this time if that will include the barn. Likely, due to the proximity of the barn to the residence, the barn will be included in the sale. Mr. Kappers suggested tabling this request until the next meeting to allow Mr. Drake time to approach the other groups regarding if they would like storage space in the proposed building. Also, Mr. Drake can make sure the committee is aware this building would be considered City property, Mr. Drake would need a key to access the building, a use agreement would have to be executed and the location and appearance of the building would be to the discretion of the Park Superintendent. Mr. Kappers also asked for the Law Director to be contacted to discuss the legal factors of this request and a report to be made to the Board at the next meeting.

REQUEST FROM TROY NOON OPTIMIST CLUB RE: PATRIOT'S DAY:

A request was received from the Troy Noon Optimist Club to place flags along the levee the week of September 5-12 in remembrance of Patriot's Day. (The request is attached to these minutes) Mr. Kappers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Fox seconded and the motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Pierce seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by, Valerie Miller, Ass't.
to Rebecca Pierce, Secretary.