

MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
AND RECREATION BOARD
Joint Meeting
TUESDAY, October 3, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4:00 P.M.

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

Members of the Park Board Present: Mr. Alan Kappers, President
 Mr. Levi Fox, Vice-President
 Mrs. Susan Westfall, Secretary

Members of the Recreation Board Present: Mr. Hobart

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 July 19, 2017 Joint Recreation and Park Board meeting and the September 5, 2017 Park Board meeting were approved following a motion by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mrs. Westfall.

REPORTS:

- The report from Jeremy Drake, Park Superintendent, was accepted as submitted.
- The report from Ken Siler, Recreation Director, was accepted as submitted.
- The report from Ken Green, Director of Miami Shores Golf Course, was accepted as submitted. Mr. Green mentioned the weather has been fantastic and the golf course is currently 1,000 rounds ahead of this time last year.
- Mr. Kappers had nothing to report from the Planning Commission.

FOX HARBOR FEES IN LIEU:

Mr. Dando, Director of Development, informed the board a new developer has taken over developing the Fox Harbor subdivision and would like to the board to consider accepting fees in lieu of park land. The subdivision was originally designed in 1990 and the City had made an agreement with the original developer to accept fees in lieu of park land due to the close proximity of the Kings Chapel Park. The new developers would like to continue this same pattern. Mr. Kappers asked how many acres of park land would the board be giving up and what would be the amount received for the fees in lieu. Mr. Dando stated the lot sizes have changed since the original plans and that information would be known once the final plat design was complete. Mr. Kappers motioned the request be tabled until the information was available. Mr. Fox seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD USE POLICY:

As part of this meeting's packet the board was provided an updated version of the Park and Recreation Department's Field Use Policy for review and approval. Mr. Ken Siler explained the Park and Recreation Departments revisit this policy every 2-4 years to determine if anything

should be updated. Some items specifically noted by Mr. Siler were an increase in the lighting fees, the addition of a fee for scoreboard usage and adjusted cost for field prep/lining. Also, a new user category, Category F, was added for tournaments. Mr. Siler explained the fees were compared with other area communities from Vandalia to Hilliard. During discussion, it was noted the City cannot profit from these fees but can recover the expenses of maintenance and upkeep. Organizations using the fields must provide Certificates of Insurance holding the City harmless. Mrs. Westfall moved for the approval and adoption of the revised Field Use Policy. Mr. Fox seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

TROY AVIATION HEROES MEMORIAL:

Bill McGraw of 286 S. Dorset Rd. Troy, presented on behalf of the Acorn Society plans for a memorial park in honor of aviation heroes from Troy and requested the board's permission to place the memorial on land owned by the Board of Park Commissioners. (Proposed plans attached to original minutes) The park would contain three eight foot statues of aviation heroes connected to Troy; Clayton Brukner, Robert Hartzell and Nancy Curry. It would be located on N. Market St. on the north side of the Troy Senior Citizens Center parking lot. This project will be fully funded by the contributions from the Hartzell family, the Duke Foundation, The Troy Foundation, the Pat and Thom Robinson Fund and the Acorn Society. Bruns Construction prepared the site plans. The proposed site will be a permanent site, include lighting at night and be handicap accessible. The only permanent maintenance the City would need to do would be maintaining the landscaping. Steve Bruns 3050 Tipp Cowlesville Rd. Tipp City, stated the entire site would be made of concrete, limestone and pavers making it very durable and easy to maintain. Mr. McGraw added this site could potentially be added as a point of interest on the Aviation trail. Mr. Fox asked if appropriate in the future could another statue be added. Mr. McGraw added it would be possible with the removal of a tree. Mr. Fox made a motion to approve the use of park land and to accept the donation as presented. Mrs. Westfall seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMENTS BY CITIZEN:

Anna Rossiter of 117 S. Monroe St. Troy, addressed the Park Commissioners to inquire about the possibility of playground equipment being installed at the McKaig Race Park. Ms. Rossiter indicated that she and a group of other parents had discussed the need and they are willing to do fundraising to cover the costs. Ms. Rossiter further stated she had previously spoken to Jeremy Drake about the idea. Mr. Drake had informed her that he was under the understanding the McKaig Race Park is a passive park by design and is intended to stay that way for numerous reasons included its' connection to Troy's sister city relationship. There was discussion about the reasons for the park being considered passive and the reasons to keep it passive. It was mentioned there are ball diamonds further down McKaig across from Heywood school. This area could benefit from playground equipment as the ball diamonds are frequently used for teams practicing and playground equipment would be nice to have for siblings of the baseball players. Mr. Kappers recommend Ms. Rossiter make an appointment with Mayor Beamish to discuss her proposal as it was determined the decision to keep McKaig Race Park passive was made by the mayor and not by the Board of Park Commissioners.

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

Respectfully submitted by, Valerie Miller, Ass't.
to Susan Westfall, Secretary.