

MINUTES
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, November 7, 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4:00 P.M.

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

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

Others present: Jeremy Drake Park Superintendent
Ken Siler Recreation Director
Ken Green Director of Golf

 Patrick Titterington Director of Public Service & Safety
Sue Knight Administrative Assistant
Stan Kegley City Staff
Citizens

The minutes of the October 3, 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. Kappers commented that the Planning Commission would be considering the Fox Harbor Subdivision, which is also on the Board's agenda related to fees-in-lieu of dedicated green space.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOX HARBOR SUBDIVISION FEES-IN-LIEU:

Remove from Table:

A motion was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, to remove from the table the subject of accepting fees-in-lieu of park land for the Fox Harbor Subdivision. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion:

Tim Davis, Assistant Development Director, submitted information (attached to the original minutes). This plat is located off West Main St. Fees-in-lieu of dedicated green space would be \$104,000, based on 208 lots (\$500 per lot) and a requirement of 3% (2.07882 acres) of a development. The fees would not be paid at one time, but proportionally with each Section as approved and developed. Staff also advised that nearby Kings Chapel Park is an area of 7.72 acres, with a playground, pond and community center, and the area of that park exceeds the minimum requirements of green space for both the Kings Chapel Subdivision and the Fox Harbor Subdivision. Staff has recommended that the Board support the acceptance of fees-in-lieu of dedicated green space for the Fox Harbor Subdivision.

-Mr. Fox asked about the time line for the development and was advised that is not part of the submittal, and development is based on market demands. It was discussed that developments can take ten years or more.

-A motion was made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, to recommend that fees-in-lieu of green space be accepted for the Fox Harbor Subdivision. Motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

TROY JUNIOR TROJANS BASEBALL REQUEST TO RAISE FUNDS TO IMPROVE ARCHER PARK:

-Roy Hoke, 1334 Essex Court, a member of the facilities committee of Troy Junior Trojans Baseball stated that the organization has grown to 14 teams, including three softball teams; the organization needs more space than available at Mercer Field; last year they started to also play at Archer Park, which works well for younger players; they noted that the outfield needs some work, improvement, and fencing; and the organization wishes to do fund raising for the improvements noting that all improvements are the property of the City of Troy.

-It was noted that the Recreation Department schedules activities on Archer Park; both Mr. Siler and Mr. Drake concurred that work is needed.

-Mrs. Westfall asked about coordination with other users of the field, and it was commented that the schedule is coordinated by the Recreation Department and other teams use the field in the off season.

-Mr. Kappers noted that this organization is "Troy Junior Trojans Baseball" to avoid confusion with "Troy Junior Baseball", which group plays at the Knoop Fields on 25A.

-Mr. Fox asked how sponsors/contributors would be recognized as there are regulations related to signage, with Mr. Hoke commenting that is done with plaques to the sponsors and a banner is placed only during game time.

-A motion was made by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the request of Troy Junior Trojans Baseball to raise funds for the improvement of Archer Park as stated in their request (attached as part of the original minutes) and with the requirement that the improvements and location of same are approved by the Park Superintendent. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RETIREMENT OF DIRECTOR OF GOLF:

Ken Green, Director of Golf, submitted his resignation effective 3-1-2018.

-Board members thanked Mr. Green for his 14 years with Miami Shores, and commented that they would appreciate his assistance during the transition and following that, especially with the renovation of the club house being part of the 2018 budget request. Mr. Kappers noted that the Board will work with the City's HR office regarding advertising and seeking candidates for the Director of Golf position.

Mr. Green thanked the Board for the opportunity to manage Miami Shores Golf Course.

-A motion was made by Mr. Kappers, seconded by Mr. Fox, to accept Mr. Green's notice of retirement with reluctance. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

REQUEST FOR USE OF PROUTY PLAZA BY TOUR DE DONUT, AUGUST 24-25, 2018:

-Diana Thompson, Miami County Visitors Bureau, asked permission to use Prouty Plaza as a part of the 2018 Tour De Donut event, on August 24-25. She commented: the 2017 event was a success; holding the event in August would prevent conflicts with other events; there will be a new partner – Buckeye Be the Match, which raises funds to benefit those with blood cancers; the Plaza is requested for entertainment on Friday evening, activities for Tour DeDonut Saturday morning, and activities related to Be the Match on Saturday afternoon.

-Mr. Siler and Mr. Drake stated they were not aware of any conflicts for the requested dates.

-A motion was made by Mrs. Westfall, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve the use of Prouty Plaza related to Tour DeDonut on August 24-25, 2018. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

OTHER:

-Mr. Fox asked if there was any follow up information from the Mayor related to Ms. Rossiter's request for improvements to McKaig-Race Park (made at the 10-3-2017 meeting), and it was indicated there was no information. Mr. Fox suggested that the Board keep that request in mind when it comes to considering park improvements and/or as there may be funds available for improvements, such as from the fees-in-lieu from the Fox Harbor Subdivision. Mr. Kappers commented that when the Board inspects the various parks and works on the 2019 budget request, that this be discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m. following motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mrs. Westfall, and unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Westfall
Secretary