

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

February 15, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board occurred on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. The meeting was called to order at 5:59pm. Parks Board Member is attendance were Doug Meece, Gwen Ritchie, Gwen Brill, and Scott Clark. A motion was made and seconded to excuse 2nd Ward Representative, Dan Prior. Staff members in attendance were Tiphonie Mays, Parks Director, and Molly McGraw, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

REPORT OF OTHER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS / AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Planning Commission:

Gwen informed Board Members that an application to build homes off Pleasant Avenue, south of Resor Road was not recommended due to the size of the lot. Gwen announced that the planning commission approved an extension on a medical building off Deis Drive, which will now be a dental office.

Environmental Commission:

Director Mays reported the Tree City application has been accepted.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission:

Director Mays reported that the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission did not meet this month.

School Board Report:

Scott Clark informed Board members that the School Board did not meet this month. Scott announced that the school held their show choir this month.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee:

Doug Meece reported that staff has been working to remove brush and honeysuckle from the course. Staff is working on staining and sealing posts for new tee markers. These markers will be installed this spring. All EZ Go golf carts have been picked up, and Yamaha will be delivering the new fleet within the next few weeks.

City Council Report:

Gwen Brill announced that the city has sworn Scott Timmer in as the newly hired City Manager. Brill announced that the Fire Levy will be on the May ballot. This levy will allow the city to provide more full time employment for firefighters.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Director Mays distributed and reviewed the Enterprise financials with the Board.

Mays announced that the Parks Community Events Coordinator and Golf Operations Manager positions have both been filled and both individuals have started their new position.

Mays reported that the Friends of the Parks funds has already received several donations. Mays is working on conducting a campaign drive to inform residents of the program.

Mays announced that the Huffman family would like to discuss plans for the reforestation project on the North side of Huffman Park. This project was delayed due to COVID-19.

Mays discussed that a deforester was rented so that Parks Maintenance could complete the nature path through the north side of Marsh Lake.

Old Business:

Mays confirmed that the construction for the Harbin Park Pickle ball courts are to be completed by Rusty Schubert this upcoming spring.

New Business:

2022-01: Rules and Regulations. Doug Meece reviewed the resolution to Board members and called for a vote. The resolution passed unanimously.

2022-02: Huffman Park Reforestation. Doug read the resolution to the Board members and called for a vote. The resolution passed unanimously.

Meeting Schedule:

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on March 15, 2022; 6:00PM at the Fairfield South Trace Golf Course, 2200 John Gray Road, Fairfield OH, 45014.

Executive Section:

Executive session entered into at 7:12pm.

Executive session exited at 8:07pm.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Molly J. McGraw
Board Secretary