

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

March 15, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board occurred on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at Fairfield Greens South Trace. Chairman Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:59pm. Parks Board Members in attendance were Doug Meece, Gwen Ritchie, Gwen Brill, Scott Clark, and Dan Prior. Staff members in attendance were Tiphonie Mays, Parks Director, and Molly McGraw, Board Secretary.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments:

Tiphonie Mays introduced the newest member of the Parks and Recreation team, Julian Jeter-Davis; Mr. Jeter-Davis is the new Golf Course Operations Manager and began his employment with the City on February 14, 2022. Mr. Jeter-Davis comes from Dayton, Ohio, graduated from Kentucky State, where he played golf and has since been in the golf profession. Mr. Jeter-Davis most recently worked at the Miami Valley Golf Club.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February, 2022 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 the Planning Commission approved plans for an oil change location on Nilles Road, where Jiffy Lube was previously located.

Environmental Commission:

Director Mays reported The Tree City luncheon is scheduled for April 22 in Springdale. Mays announced that Kent Ernsting will be at Gilbert Farms Park conducting a honeysuckle removal project on Saturday, March 19.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission:

Mr. Prior announced that the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission did not meet this month. The Art Gallery's Colored Pencil Society show opened on Friday, March 11.

School Board Report:

Scott Clark informed Board members that the Crystal Classic is scheduled for March 19.

Scott announced that the girls bowling team went to Columbus for the State championship. Men's bowling team lost in regionals.

Fairfield City School's spring break is scheduled for March 28 – April 3.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee:

Doug Meece announced that the Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee did not meet this month. Meece informed members that the tree line on hole 8 had been completely removed. Both courses are expecting the new golf cart fleet to be delivered in April.

City Council Report:

Gwen Brill informed Board members that all Board and Commission members have been approved. Greg Hull has been elected as Parks Board's 1st Ward Representative and Mindy Muller has been elected for Parks Board's 4th Ward Representative. Brill announced that the Development Services Committee is proposing a zoning plan on Mack Road, near Mercy Hospital, to create a medical office building, retail, and a possible drive through restaurant. Brill announced that City Council is evaluating a zoning map to potentially build a Freddy's Frozen Custard on Kolb Road, near Meijer. There will be a hearing on March 28th to further discuss Freddy's Frozen Custard. Brill reminded Board members that the Fire Levy will be this May.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

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

Mays announced that more donations were submitted for the Friends of the Parks funds. Director Mays updated Board members on the Pickle Ball courts. Rusty Schubert will be working with Chad Brown in completing the pickle ball courts, once weather is permitting. Mays announced that the Parks and Recreation Department will be partnering with Laffalot Summer Camp to organize and facilitate summer camp at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Mays announced that she met with State Representative, Carruthers, to review Phase II of the Harbin Park project, to which funds of \$1 million were approved.

Mays also reported that the concept for the Huffman Park Reforestation project will be available to view next month. Mays announced that the interview for open Parks Commissions will be held at the April 19th Parks Board meeting.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Doug Meece as Chairman of the Parks Board for 2022. A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Gwen Ritchie as Co-Chair of Parks Board.

Meeting Schedule:

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on May 17, 2022; 6:00PM at the Fairfield Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive, Fairfield OH, 45014.

Executive Section:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Molly J. McGraw
Board Secretary