

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

April 19, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board occurred on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Fairfield Community Arts Center. 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, Dan Prior, Mindy Muller, and Greg Hull. Staff members in attendance were Tiphonie Mays, Parks Director, Brad Williams, Parks Operations Superintendent, and Molly McGraw, Board Secretary.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments:

Tiphonie Mays introduced the newest member of the Parks and Recreation team, April Osborne; Mrs. Osborne is the new Parks and Recreation Community Events Coordinator and began her employment with the City on February 14, 2022. Mrs. Osborne graduated from Wright State University with a Theater Major. She has worked with the Fairfield Parks and Recreation for 15 years as the part-time performing arts programmer. The Fairfield Parks and Recreation team is happy to have her join full time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March, 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 Freddy's Frozen Custard to be located on the North parcel of Meijer's parking lot. A new Church was approved on Sosa Drive, off Route 4 and Seward. A dedication plot along Port Union was created to dedicate a portion of land, where a warehouse will soon be built.

Environmental Commission:

Director Mays reported that honey suckle was removed at Gilbert Farms Park. Mays announced that the Tree Giveaway was held at the April 6 Fairfield Farmers Market. Mays announced that the Tree City USA Luncheon will be held on Friday, April 9th. The Fairfield Community Arts Center will be hosting the 2023 Tree City USA luncheon.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission:

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission did not meet this month.

School Board Report:

Scott Clark informed Board members that the Crystal Classic was held in March. Fairfield City School's Art Fair will be held on May 1 at the High School. Fairfield High School's prom will be held on May 7. Clark also informed Board members that the last day of school is May 26. Students will report back to school on August 16th. Senior Graduation will be held at the Cintas Center on May 28, 2022.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee:

Doug Meece announced that the Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee did not meet this month. The Fairfield Greens Golf Courses are hiring for part-time staff. The new golf cart fleet has arrived.

City Council Report:

Gwen Brill informed Board members that City Council approved a Joint Economics District off Seward and Tylersville; three more warehouses will be constructed, forming a JED. Brill announced that the City's Capital Expenditure Budget for the next five years have been approved.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

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

Mays announced that Parks Board will be experiencing a "Parks and Rec Academy" giving each member hands on experiences of all areas of the Parks and Recreation. Mays gave an update on projects. The Harbin Park overlook structure has been slightly delayed, waiting for supply.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Resolution 2022-03: Human Nature AE Phase II. Doug Meece reviewed the resolution to Board members and called for a vote. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-04: Swimsafe Agreement Addendum. 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 May 10, 2022; 6:00PM at the Fairfield Community Arts Center, 411 Wessel Drive, Fairfield OH, 45014.

Executive Section:

Executive session entered into at 6:01pm.

Executive session exited at 6:04pm.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

Molly J. McGraw
Board Secretary