

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

May 10, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board occurred on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chairman Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. 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, and Brad Williams, Parks Operations Superintendent.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April, 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 Marshall Homes subdivision, a seven lot home subdivision off of Pleasant Ave. There will be six new homes added to this subdivision. Gwen informed Board members that the Planning Commission also approved a conditional use for a motor vehicle storage expansion on Bobmeyer Rd.

Environmental Commission:

Director Mays reported that all new commission members were in attendance at May's meeting. Mays informed Board members that the Parks & Rec department will be hosting next year's Tree City USA luncheon. 7-9

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission:

Dan Prior announced that the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission discussed this year's upcoming Car Show weekend. This year's Car Show weekend will be held Friday, September 9-Sunday, September 11. This is the first year that the car show will carry on a full weekend. Prior informed Board members that the location of Movies in the Park will rotate between Village Green and Harbin Park. This year, the Parks department will be renting a large screen to play movies, ensuring better quality. Prior announced that the Art Gallery will be doing a dedication to Jim Brockman, a local photography teacher from late July-August.

School Board Report:

Scott Clark informed Board members that prom was held on Saturday, May 7th. Attendance was high and was overall a success. Clark announced that Fairfield's Assistant Superintendent, Roger Martin will be retiring. Martin's replacement will be Dr. Bill Rice, the current principal of the high school. Rice's

replacement as the High School principal will be Ryan Bellman, who has been with Fairfield City Schools for 4 years. Fairfield High School's graduation will be held at the Cintas Center on May 28th, 2022.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee:

Doug Meece announced that the Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee did not meet this month. Meece announced that the rough mower that had been ordered in 2021 has been delivered. Meece discussed that there has been a labor shortage this season. All golf carts have arrived, although the GPS's for the carts are still awaiting arrival.

City Council Report:

Gwen Brill informed Board members that City Council approved all of the Capital Improvement budgets. Council approved the Toro GM 5900 mower and mulching kit for the Parks Department. Brill announced that the Fire Levy was approved in May's election, and the City of Fairfield's Fire department is now searching for additional full-time staff. Brill informed Board members that Mayor Rhodus has started a Youth Commission program at the high school, with involvement from 41 Fairfield & Fairfield Township students, to allow juniors and seniors to work within City Departments.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

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

Mays gave an update on Parks projects. The Harbin Park overlook structure has been underway, and looking for completion towards the end of the summer. Mays announced that the Pickle Ball courts at Harbin Park are in the process of being finished. The final steps left are sealing and painting. Mays informed Board members that Village Green will be mulched this upcoming week. Mays announced that the City Manager has applied for a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). This area will include the Community Arts Center and Village Green. Mays discussed the Parks & Recreation academy, allowing all board members to receive "hands on" experiences of key operations within the Parks and Recreation Department. This Parks and Recreation Academy will begin next month.

Board member Mindy Muller was excused at 7:01PM.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Resolution 2022-05: Human Nature Huffman Reforestation. Meece reviewed the resolution to Board members and called for a vote. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-06: Urban Canopy Huffman Reforestation. Meece reviewed the resolution to Board members and called for a vote. The resolution passed unanimously.

Board member, Greg Hull, was assigned to the Chair of Environmental Commission.

Meeting Schedule:

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on June 21, 2022; 6:00PM at Fairfield Greens South Trace, 2200 John Gray Rd, Fairfield OH, 45014.

Executive Section:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

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Board Secretary