

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay
January 19, 2021

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Mayor Christina Muryn, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis Doolittle, Greg Myers, Josh Palmer, Gary Pruitt, Grant Russel, Ben Taylor, Brian Thomas.

Staff Present: Matt Stoffel, Lisa Mansfield, and Kathy Launder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the September 21, 2020, meeting, by Councilman Russel, second by Meyers. Motion passed 10-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning: Have RFQ/P in next couple meetings for review and approval of the parks and recreation proposal section. Will have additional information in the coming months on potential development on benching and property adjacent.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that cleaning has been multiplied. Had to increase to have to have two people working: one to sanitize and one for ice. Had to make decision to cancel Public Skate. Maximum capacity would only allow 75 and risk of exposure, one less event to spread. We have been able to continue to have Learn To Skate classes. Originally was restricted to 15 per class which keeps a has a 5-1 ratio for students to instructors. Instructors are comfortable with lifting the cap of 15 per class. So changed to whoever signs up for the class can take the class. The only change is to keep the classes completely contactless. Gliding Stars made the decision to cancel their entire season for this year. Silver Blades is able to move forward. The Men's League looks different due to 10pm curfew set by the Governor. They have been in on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons as able to schedule. Findlay Area Hockey Association (FAHA) have been able to have games. They are spaced out everywhere, not just in locker room. No notices for COVID-19 outbreak at facility. All user groups have cooperated with COVID guidelines.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated able to do maintenance with mild weather. Green Waste Site is closed for the season. Fourteen trees have been planted in the parks and cemetery. Trying to put trees along paths at Emory Adams Park. Installed parking blocks at Cooper and Rawson and removed poles. Putting in whole new system at Emory Adams Park south end rest room lift station that will hold up better with amount of usage. Planning restoration of bandshell using Hancock Park District grant and City dollars. Will be fixing the concrete, roof, and replacing lights with LED.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported the wetland restoration project at Oakwoods Nature Preserve which is being funded by the H2Ohio Initiative is underway, contract early January, earth work scheduled to finished by the end of February, and will be followed by the planting of native prairie and hardwood trees in Spring and Fall. Most of the work should be finished by June. Other park improvement projects in the early planning stage include a new parking lot at Litzenberg Memorial Woods, new state of the Art waterless restrooms at Riverbend Recreation Area, and continuation of our river park improvement at Great Karg Well Historical Site owned by the

City of Findlay and managed by the Hancock Park District. That's a park has been rather obscure for many years and we want to change that given that it has a nice overlook feature and access to the river. Park Operations Manager Angela Kiser started work on January 11.

Other Discussion

Mayor Muryn asked Stoffel if the City has a tree planting plan for Emory Adams Park. Stoffel stated that we replace trees when other trees are removed.

Mayor Muryn asked Pruitt if additional shuttles could run for kayaks and canoes at Eastpointe and maybe at the reservoir. Pruitt stated there is a concern on how to attach it. The other concern is it will be out in the channel. Pruitt stated that he will investigate the feasibility.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for February 16, 2021, at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Launder
City Clerk