

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay  
April 17, 2023

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Rob Martin, Chair, Dennis Doolittle, Jeremy Kalb, Greg Meyers, Josh Palmer, Gary Pruitt, Jim Seebald.

Staff Present: Lisa Mansfield, Dave Honse, and Kathy Launder.

Guests: Denise Grant.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the November 21, 2022, meeting, by Councilman Palmer, second by Seebald. Motion passed 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Greenway Trail Phase II Project: Kalb reported that the Greenway Trail Phase II project is under construction. They are working under the Bright Road bridge and then will head south to State Route 568. The project will include a raised boardwalk as needed, 12 foot wide pedestrian bridge, and 10 foot wide paved multiuse path. This will be a non motorized vehicle trail. Will be putting in rock in the Blanchard River for temporary work pads. The westbound lane of State Route 568 will need to be closed intermittently while they drill the piers. The temporary rock in the Blanchard River is scheduled to be removed by June 30. All areas are being built to ADA specifications. The closest the path will be to the roadway will five foot from edge of berm of the roadway to the path. There will be a swale on the north side of the path to catch rain water. This project should be complete by the end of 2023. Maintenance of the path will be performed by the City of Findlay Public Works Department and Hancock Park District. Phase III of the project has received funding. It will extend along State Route 568 from County Road 236 to County Road 242 and into Riverbend Park. We are very early in the design phase. It is planned for construction in 2025 or 2026.

Park Restroom Improvements: Kalb stated that the City is expected to receive confirmation of a 100% funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to replace restrooms at certain parks at the end of the month to make them all ADA complaint. The restroom at Rawson Park will be a whole new structure at a new location that will be closer to parking areas. The old restroom will remain operational until the new facility is complete. The new restroom will have four stalls in each side, a family restroom area, storage, and overhang canopy. We are very early in the design phase. Once the grant is officially awarded, the design phase will begin. Anticipate being able to be under construction by the end of the year. A restroom will be constructed at Cooper Field where the storage building is currently. It will be similar to the one at Rawson Park. At Swale Park, the new restroom will be built in the same location as the old one. The new restroom will have five-six stalls in each side, a family restroom area, storage, and overhang canopy.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that for ice season 2022-2023 there were 119 Public Skates with 18,267 skaters participating. On February 25, the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation provided a free skate day to the public. On March 18, 2023, Great Lakes Toyota hosted a Random Act of Kindness day and paid of \$350 in concessions for Public Skate participants. Learn to Skate program had 128 participants for the season. The ball diamonds are open

with The University of Findlay baseball and softball regular season, GMAC Softball tournament will be held May 3-6; first tournament of the season will be held this weekend. There are 10 Keep Active Keep Healthy programs scheduled starting in May. The Recreation Department will also be helping with Camp 9-1-1 in June. Bucks Unlimited hosted their banquet this past weekend at the Cube.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Honse reported that they will be repaving the tennis courts and replacing the fence at Rawson Park. They will also be repaving the basketball court and replacing the sidewalk. Will be replacing the roof and etching and sealing the floor in Shelter 15 in Riverside Park the last two weeks of June. With grant funding received from Hancock Park District, will be doing brick and mortar joints, finish grinding and sealing the floors in the shower areas inside the pool house. The playground toy at Civitan Park has been moved to Bernard Park. Days of Caring volunteers will be assisting with mulching at parks. The ballfield fence at Hancock Field off of Edgar Ave. has been put back up after painting it last year.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that ACI Construction has been awarded the contract to replace the restrooms at Riverbend Park. Project starts Monday and should be done by the end of June. Summer Camps are open for registration. Information can be found on the Hancock Park District website.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for May 15, 2023, 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