

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay  
October 16, 2017

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## MINUTES

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Brian Thomas, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Shane Pochard, Gary Pruitt, Grant Russel, Mike Slough, Dave Trisel, Jeff Wobser.

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

Guests: Mike Reed and Mike Taylor, Frisbee Golf Course.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to accept minutes of the September 18, 2017, meeting, by Meyers, second by McPheron. Motion passed 7-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Riverside Park Rental Fee: The event that would like to rent all of Riverside Park is a free community event. They are planning to have a bounce house, small games, etc. They anticipate to have things set up in all the shelter houses. The park would not be closed off to the public during the event. The fee to just rent all of the shelter houses is \$950. Only issue is if there are other users that rent the shelters on an annual basis on that day. Russel asked if the City has ever rented the whole park. The City has not, only a portion. It is requested that the event holder come to the meeting in November to discuss the event.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed Frisbee Golf Course: Mike Reed and Mike Taylor presented a proposed 18 hole Frisbee Golf Course layout that would start at Cross Avenue off of North Blanchard Street and head east to McManness Avenue, cross the bridge to the south and head west on East Main Cross Street just west of Eastowne Park Row back to South Blanchard Street. This course will be on the properties purchased by the City and County that were damaged by flooding. It is currently all green space. If this Frisbee Golf Course is constructed, tournaments would be able to be held. Reed and Taylor stated that there is growing interest in Frisbee Golf in all age groups. Several concerns heard from the residents have been addressed by moving tees further away from the houses.

Slough stated that this area is underutilized. The City spends hours mowing and maintaining. It will be nice that it will have a recreational use.

McPheron stated that we should get feedback from residents abutting the Frisbee Golf Course at Firestine Park to help allay any fears residents next to this proposed course may have about the people Frisbee Golf draws in.

Councilman Wobser stated that this is premature. We need to wait to see what the Greenway Plan is before moving forward.

Councilman Russel stated that this is the type of thing that needs to be brought to the annual Recreation Summit, not brought to the Board one at a time throughout the year.

Updated Fee Schedule Approval: Mansfield reported that the only change to the fee schedule is the addition of rental fee of \$100 for the smaller parks. In previous meetings we discussed removing the non profit rate for shelter houses. Do we want to still do this?

Motion to keep all shelter houses, band shell, and parks at one rate (no longer have non profit rate) and approve 2018 Fee Schedule, by Councilman Wobser, second by Meyers. Motion passed 8-0.

Hancock Soccer Association Contract: Mansfield stated that the City has had the same contract with Hancock Soccer Association (HSA) since 2008 for use of Emory Adams Park. The City has had ongoing issues of HSA not honoring the terms of the contract such as field permits not being completed, hosting tournaments not covered by the contract, not informing the City of vendors that are at the HSA games and paying the fee. Mansfield and

Schmelzer has tried to get a meeting scheduled with HSA to discuss these issues. How should we move forward? The contract states that the contract can be cancelled for breach of contract.

Motion to recommend the Law Director send letter to Hancock Soccer Association with notice of cancellation of contract for breach of contract due to not following contract permitting clause, by Councilman Wobser, second by Councilman Russel. Motion passed 8-0.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that the Lacrosse clinics are wrapping up which have been well attended; wrapping up fall fastpitch and adult co-ed; men's league still going due to weather cancelling games; October 8 will be holding Fall Freeze with free skate lesson, Public Skate, and Wiffle Ball. Will be scheduling Recreation Summit. Maintenance issues at the Cube are being addressed, some code issues being dealt with.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that they are finishing up projects; working on budgets. They will be milling the old tennis courts at Riverside Park, will allow it to settle and then pave it in Spring of 2018, then paint for Pickleball Courts and put up netting.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that they have a meeting with Steve Wilson to talk about the greenspace plan. Strategic Plan will be folded into the greenspace plan. Will keep Board informed if there is anything of relevance.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for November 20, 2017, 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