

**PARK BOARD
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Wednesday, March 9, 2022
City Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members Present: Beth Mason, Megan Travis, Monica Justinger, Jim Stanley, and Clerk Brenda Short. Tyler Cruz was excused. Tami Robison was present and will be assisting as clerk in the future.

Beth Mason called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Megan Travis made a motion to approve the February 2022 Meeting Minutes as submitted, seconded by Monica Justinger. All in favor, motion carried.

President's Report:

Beth stated she has received rosters from all the leagues and will review and determine diamond assignments next week.

Service Director's Report:

Jim Stanley stated the contractors are working at Ted Lewis Park. They will be working four 10 hour days.

Catherine Cameron inquired if the work being done there would affect parking during the summer months for ballgames.

Jim Stanley stated at some point Picnic Avenue would be shut down for pavement, but until then, the parking area will still be available. It should not affect any access to the fields.

Sheri Theis from City Council was present and asked Jim Stanley to update those present on Ted Lewis Park and the completion date.

Jim Stanley stated they are working on putting in footers. Contractor plans to have the building up by the end of May with the exception of the new shelter house. Landscaping will then begin. The City might be able to open the splashpad for a period of time before the project is

completely finished. That will be determined by the weather. Last year our other Splashpad was open into September. Restrooms and mechanical building will be constructed first, then splashpad and playground. Mr. Stanley stated we cannot have children in that area playing if there is equipment moving around. We will determine whether parts can be open before the completion as we move through the project.

Public Comments:

There were no comments from the public.

New Business/Old Business:

Jan Shannon from Pickaway County Community Foundation was present to explain the Ted Lewis Park Fund to the Park Commission. Beth Mason and Brenda Short had previously met with Jan a couple months ago for this discussion and invited her to give a presentation to the Park Commission. Jan stated she was here tonight to explain the purpose of this fund and how to utilize it. The Park Commission oversees this fund. It can only be used to for items for Ted Lewis Park. Payments can only be made to “City of Circleville” and not to vendors. The purpose is to provide a way to encourage donors to make contributions into a fund for Ted Lewis Park. She stated you can use the dollars now or you can leave it in the fund for future maintenance of the Park. Statements are sent to Beth Mason and Brenda Short quarterly and can be shared at the Park Commission meetings. Investments are at a moderate rate and have been favorable. The current balance is \$17,196.14. The City of Circleville donated the initial \$10,000 into the fund.

Jim Stanley had stated that he and Brenda Short had discussed selling bricks for the new walkway at the park and putting that money into the fund. Jan Shannon stated she would be happy to assist with the fundraiser and could provide verbiage when we are ready to do this.

Sheri Theis – Atwater School Property – Sheri stated she is here on behalf of City Council and Strategic Planning. She stated when Circleville City Schools moved to one campus and the individual elementary school properties sold, that took 4 parks away from the youth in the community. With the current parks available, Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park and Barthelmas Park require transportation to get to them. The Mayor and Council were having discussions on the possibility of purchasing the park area on Corwin Street. It has been heard that that property already sold, but this has not been confirmed. Sheri stated there is a lot by the old Atwater School that is for sale. It is about two acres and is selling for \$115,000. She felt this would be a nice smaller park that the City could purchase and use the old playground equipment from Ted Lewis there and maybe put in a basketball court. She stated she was here to night to ask the Park Commission for their support in this.

Beth Mason inquired where the money would come from to purchase this.

Mrs. Theis stated she is only here tonight to ask for a letter to support the purchase. Council would have to decide where the money would come from if this purchase was approved. Monica Justinger made a motion to send a letter to City Council supporting the purchase of the

2 acres beside Atwater School for a community park. Beth Mason seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sheri Theis also stated last June she held a Strategic Planning Meeting at Barthelmas Park and had asked for a vision on what should go into the 21 plus acres that were purchased next to the park. The Mayor had presented his rendering. Sheri stated she would challenge the Park Commission to define their needs for that area and write up a plan and share at next month's meeting.

Mole Issue Barthelmas Park - Jim Stanley stated he had not sent the Service Department out to look at those holes yet. He will get them out there and have them get an estimate on the cost to repair.

Other – Beth Mason asked if the City could put signs up “Stay Off the Grass” to keep cars from parking on the grass. Jim will notify the Street Department. Beth stated Youth Baseball Association is planning to rent a roller from Dynahoe to pull behind their gator to roll Barthelmas Park.

Megan Travis made a motion to adjourn and Beth Mason seconded the motion. All in Favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Submitted by: Brenda Short, Clerk

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