

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Bob Breen, Craig Keller, Doug Meece, Debbie Pennington, Billy Smith and Rodney Spencer. Board Member Bob Myron was excused from the meeting. Staff members in attendance were: James Bell, Director; Heidi Schiller, Arts and Programs Manager; Bob Schappacher, Parks and Facilities Manager; and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

Also present were Ron Jackups, Mike Russo, Jamie Blanton, Jeff Monnin, and Russ Johnson; representing the Fairfield Optimist Club, Fairfield Optimist Soccer Club, Fairfield Soccer Association and the Mid America Soccer Classic.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Jim Bell introduced Mr. Ron Jackups, Fairfield Optimist Club; who in turn introduced the remainder of his contingent, then proceeded to update the Board on the 2014 soccer season and the plans for the 2015 soccer season (copy of the report is attached).

The Board thanked Mr. Jackups and the soccer representatives for their report and for their service to the youth of the community.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The January 20, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

2015 – 2019 Capital Improvement Program Review:

Jim Bell reviewed the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Program; specifically the 2015 projects. Mr. Bell stated that the CIP for the Recreation Facilities Fund (Golf Courses and Aquatic Center) was minimal due to lack of funds available due the previous poor golf season. The two projects were the continuation of the irrigation project and funds for golf cart repairs. All other projects were deferred to later years. The Parks Facilities portion of the CIP featured ten projects that reflected the goals stated in the recently completed Master Plan (connectivity and maintenance). The Board concurred with the 2015-2019 CIP proposals.

Marsh Park/Martin-Marietta Property:

Jim Bell reported that a city team continues to meet with representatives of The Kleingers Group to finalize the civil engineering services related to the Marsh Park project. The initial phase of this project is to develop plans to strategically locate the 40,000 tons of excess sand on the property in accordance to the requirements of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; as it relates to Martin-Marietta Aggregates transferring the property to the City. The proposal has been funded by City Council.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Debbie Pennington reported that at a recent City Council meeting the Mayor recognized a Fairfield High School student for his efforts in securing assistance for a teacher who had a medical emergency during the school day. Billy Smith, Fairfield High School principal, was in attendance at the Council meeting and commented on the student's actions. Mrs. Pennington shared that the meeting also featured an early enlistment ceremony into the Marine Corps for the student and two other enlistees. Mrs. Pennington also reported that the Historical Society had its spring programming agenda finalized and invited the Board to attend the meetings.

Planning Commission Update: No report

Environmental Commission Update: Rodney Spencer reported that the Environmental Commission was continuing to investigate partnering with Miami University for interns to update the City's street tree inventory; along with investigating tree inventory software. The commission had also reviewed the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan and its relationship to the commission's activities.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Bob Breen was not present at the last CAAC meeting, no report.

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee: Doug Meece reported that the annual renewal letters for the Weekend Guaranteed Tee Time groups had been sent and the letter was very informational; highlighting projects, etc. The Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee is planning to meet in March.

OLD BUSINESS: Bob Breen questioned whether the signage for the Harbin Park mountain bike trails opening/closing had been installed. Bob Schappacher responded that the signage was recently received and would be installed soon.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:00 PM, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary