

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Doug Meece, Debbie Pennington, Craig Keller, Bob Myron and Dean Bruewer. Board Member Billy Smith was excused from the meeting. Staff members in attendance were Bob Schappacher, Facilities/Operations Manager; Brad Williams, Operations Coordinator; and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The October 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Marsh Park Expansion Update: Bob Schappacher and Brad Williams reported the City and Martin Marietta are preparing a Memorandum of Agreement to define the restoration of the property in accordance to Ohio Revised Code requirements. Mr. Williams reported that the City has retained the Kleingers Group to prepare the easement recording documents between Martin Marietta and the City for the connection between existing Marsh Park and “Black Bottom” property for the Great Miami River Bike Path. A resolution has been prepared under “New Business” for Board approval. Mr. Williams distributed an aerial map to the Board describing the proposed 25’ wide easement and reported the proposed bike/pedestrian path will cross under River Road near the current Marsh Park entrance.

Hatton Park/Nuxhall Miracle League Fields Update: Mr. Williams reported an agreement with Nuxhall Miracle League Fields, Inc. to define the property boundaries necessary for the proposed expansion of Nuxhall Miracle League Fields has been finalized. The expansion will provide space for two (2) additional athletic fields, a gymnasium and possible additional parking at Hatton Park. Mr. Williams distributed an aerial map to the Board showing the current property as well as an aerial with the additional facilities. Mr. Williams also reported public utilities has plans for a future expansion of the sewer treatment facility which is reflected on the aerial.

Mr. Williams reported a companion agreement with A. Peter Groh adjusts the farming easement to accommodate the expansion of the Nuxhall Miracle League Fields. A resolution has been prepared under “New Business” for Board approval.

Mr. Bruewer suggested this project should include connection to Joyce Park to improve traffic on Groh Lane. Mr. Schappacher and Mr. Williams stated this agreement did not include such language regarding roadway expansions. Mr. Bruewer questioned if a connection could be an option in the future and would like this addressed.

Mrs. Pennington questioned if the property was in the flood plain; Mr. Schappacher and Mr. Williams stated they would check to determine if its flood plain or floodway.

Golf Course Irrigation Update: Mr. Williams reported Phase III of the South Trace Irrigation Rotor Replacement Project was approved by Council and that work should begin in December and finish by April 2016.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Mrs. Pennington reported Council passed ordinances at their last meeting for the golf course irrigation renovation, the walking path at Oakwood Park and transfer of surplus of multipurpose chairs to the Fairfield City Schools. Mrs. Pennington reported that the Historical Society will host Christmas at the Mansion on December 5th & 6th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Mrs. Pennington also thanked the Parks Department for all the help with the 60th Celebration.

Planning Commission Update: Mr. Myron reported the Planning Commission approved a few small start-up businesses as well as a drive thru request for Burger King's Cincinnati Mall corner lot.

Environmental Commission Update: Mr. Schappacher reported Amy Hall-Spegal attended the last meeting and gave presentation. Mr. Schappacher also reported the Tree City USA application and the growth award was completed and submitted online.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Mr. Keller reported the Winter 2015-2016 Fairfield Flyer was distributed. Mr. Keller also reported Ben Strickler, Community Events Coordinator, requested suggestions by members for bands and reminded members that Light Up Fairfield as well as Breakfast with Santa is coming up.

Golf Course Ad Hoc: Mr. Meece reported the committee is currently updating its five year business plan. Mr. Meece also commented the Golf Maintenance Facility looks great after being cleaned up and painted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2015-08 / Lease and Easement Modification Agreement – Nuxhall Miracle League Fields, Inc. and A. Peter Groh: It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 2015-08 related to the Lease and Easement Modification Agreement – Nuxhall Miracle League Fields, Inc. and A. Peter Groh. The resolution passed 4-1, Dean Bruewer objecting.

Resolution 2015-09 / Thomas O Marsh Park Expansion project preliminary engineering for shared trail – Kleingers Group. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 2015-09 related to the Thomas O Marsh Park Expansion project preliminary engineering for shared trail – Kleingers Group. The resolution passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:00 PM, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary