

**REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022, 6:00 PM  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS–2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
201 WEST WATER STREET, PIQUA, OHIO 45356**

City of Piqua Park Board met at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Government Complex Commission Chambers located at 201 W. Water Street.

Roll Call as follows: Board Members Present: Eric White, Natalie Young, Catherine Oda, Phillip Moyer, Nolan Campbell, Marcia Garrett, Eddie Harvey. City Commission Representative Present: Cindy Pearson. Staff Present: Amy Welker, Brittany Van Horn and Melissa Kinney.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of the Minutes from the December 9, 2021, Regular Park Board Meeting**

Eric moved for approval of the Meeting Minutes; motion was seconded by Marcia Garrett. Motion carried unanimously; Meeting Minutes approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers occurred. For Chairperson, Nolan was nominated by Marcia; motion was seconded by Natalie. Motion carried unanimously. For position of Clerk, Amy asked that her Administrative Assistant Melissa continue in this role; there were no objections.

Appointment of a Member to the Golf Board is needed to provide recommendations to this advisory board in regards to Echo Hills Golf Course. It was decided that existing board member Eric White will continue in this dual role.

Public Relations Manager Brittany Van Horn introduced a new process regarding the City and Special Events. She explained that the Park Board will be asked to give recommendations to the Commission for approval of special events. She passed out a list of 2021 City Sponsored Events that showed the total costs to the City. Amy explained how the City wants to create awareness of what the City is spending going forward for these special events. A future goal is that the Commission will pre-approve a list of special events for each particular year.

Amy then announced that there is a Work Session in April regarding City fees for all departments. She then reviewed Chapter 94 of the City Ordinances regarding Park Facility fees. She explained the idea to use a Cost Recovery Methodology when evaluating future rental fees and facilities. Eric White suggested that a cost comparison be done with other similar park rentals, and everyone agreed that looking at this data could be helpful. There was a Motion to increase the current rental fees by \$25, and all except Natalie agreed. This information will be presented to City Commission at the Work Session regarding fees in April.

Amy then went over what was accomplished in the Winter Workplan. There are a few projects deferred that will be looked at soon. The Spring 2022 Workplan was handed out. Natalie suggested that board members help do the Monthly Park Inspections, and all agreed to this. Amy will email the Inspection Form to everyone and Melissa will create a schedule. Phillip suggested a park initiative such as "Adopt a flower bed" to get more people involved at the parks. Amy will reach out to some local garden clubs. She told the group about several good business partners of the parks.

Amy gave everyone a timeline and update from Chris Schmiesing in regards to the Lock 9 Project for Phases I & II.

Amy then made the board aware of a possible long-term lease opportunity at Mote Park Community Center. It would be a 5 year lease and would benefit the youth of our community. She will have more to share at a later date.

Amy announced a partnership with the Miami County OSU Extension Office for the Community Garden at Pitsenbarger.

Amy provided a Staff Report on the Invasive Species Removal Plan that is in the works currently. This would involve a 3 year process to begin and would target areas along the bike path that are predominantly overgrown with honeysuckle.

Amy announced that Community Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> this year. She will be sending out more information soon.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Eric updated everyone on the current happenings with the City golf course.

Natalie inquired as to the status of the swimming pool demo. Amy reported that a required Inspection was completed yesterday. Bids will be put out soon for the actual demolition.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Park Board Meeting was adjourned.