

**REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022, 6:00 PM
COMMISSION CHAMBERS–2nd 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, Catherine Oda, Marcia Garrett, Eddie Harvey and Billie Jo Simmons. Staff Present: Amy Welker and Melissa Kinney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes from the March 2, 2022, Regular Park Board Meeting

Since Nolan Campbell was absent, Eddie Harvey served as Chairperson for this meeting. He moved for approval of the Meeting Minutes; motion was seconded by Catherine Oda. Motion carried unanimously; Meeting Minutes approved.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Amy asked each person present to introduce themselves to the newest Board Member Billie Jo Simmons.

WORK PLAN UPDATE

Amy passed out the most recent Parks Work Plan to everyone. She pointed out that Winter & Spring projects and tasks that have been deferred are also included on this plan. We have 4 very good, hard-working Park employees who do as much as they are able to in their allotted time. There was no 2022 Seasonal help budgeted for, but the City Manager has said that we can budget for extra Seasonal help in 2023.

REVIEW OF CHAPTER 94 REVISIONS

Amy handed out copies of the current Piqua City Code for Chapter 94: Parks and Recreation. She stressed that it is in much need of updates and modifications and asked that all board members read through it thoroughly. She would like members to send to her their notations, revisions and additional suggestions of new language so that a draft can be compiled. The bike path language needs updated as well.

INSPECTIONS UPDATE

Amy handed out the Park Inspection Schedule and thanked those who have already started helping inspect our parks. She is appreciative for the volunteers willing to take their time and identify what is and what needs to be happening in our parks.

STAFF REPORT

Amy presented a Staff Report to the Park Board. She informed them of the extensive repairs made to the Linear Park pavement that was damaged recently due to a storm. This expense will be reimbursed via the City's Insurance Policy. She announced that Friends of Piqua Parks received a \$10,000 grant to repair some of the concrete at the baseball concession stand area at Pitsenbarger. Amy would also like to do additional walkways and areas in bad condition if the budget allows. Amy is going to reach out to a Pickleball contact to get more information as well on the tennis courts at Pitsenbarger. The courts are in bad condition and perhaps would be better as all pickleball courts. Amy informed everyone that Rich Donnelly has donated \$33,000 to the Skate Park for renovations. Amy highlighted the success of the 2022 Clean Up Day held recently. Several projects were completed that day thanks to the volunteers. Amy announced that the Lock 9 Park construction bid was posted 5/31/2022. She also let everyone know that she has sent out a Request for Proposals to obtain a consultant to create a Parks Asset Management Plan. This will help us to focus on what current assets we have in the parks, how to fix current problems and how to maintain in the future. This plan will also help develop a schedule for costs in the future, how to fund the parks, etc. Finally, Amy talked briefly of the 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Plan, including renovations of the restrooms at the Mote Park Community Center in order to be ADA compliant. She has added 3 more components to the CIP: renovations of the concession stands at Pitsenbarger, parking lots being repaired at multiple parks, and looking into options, such as grants, for a splash pad for Phase II of the Municipal swimming pool. Amy asked for the board's opinion on what the Top Priority Parks should be in Piqua. Mote, Pitsenbarger and Fountain Park were identified as the Top 3 by the board. Amy updated the board in regards to the pending lease agreement for the Mote Park Community Center. The organization has secured a \$50,000 grant and is committed to funding this project. This will be a community center similar to the Troy Lincoln Center for children, focusing on fitness, healthy eating, help with homework, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Park Board Meeting was then adjourned.