



REPORT FROM PIQUA PARK BOARD TO PIQUA CITY COMMISSION FOR 2023

Park Board Members: Brad Collins, Marcia Garrett, Zachary Gordon, Eddie Harvey, Cathy Oda, Juli Smith, Terry Wright, Natalie Young

PARK BOARD PROCEEDINGS SUMMARY FOR 2023:

Elected Officers: Phillip Moyer, Chairperson until Resignation on 9.11.23.
Zachary Gordon, Representative to Golf Advisory Board
Natalie Young, Chairperson effective 11.29.23

New Board Members: Brad Collins, Zachary Gordon, Terry Wright, Juli Smith

Member Resignations: Phillip Moyer, Eric White

TOPICS CONSIDERED and DISCUSSED:

- Improving Volunteer Recognition
- Hydraulic Canal & Dam Safety Project
- Turf Maintenance Plan
- New Signage
- Desire to Revise Parks Master Plan & Implementation Strategy
- Implementing Adopt-A-Park Program
- Lock 9 Project Progress Updates & Questions regarding budget funding for current & future maintenance
- City Strategic Plan
- Tree Planting Program
- Implementing a Pollinator Program
- 2024 Budget Summary Presented to Board
- 2023 Projects Summary Presented to Board
- Adopting a Park Board Capital Project Ranking Separate from City Project Ranking
- Board Approval of Tree Committee Addition
- Programming & Amenity Improvement Ideas
- Reviewing Hance Pavilion Renovation Proposals and Exploring New Use Ideas
- Need for a City Pool

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO CITY COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL:

- Combining the Tree Committee duties into the Park Board

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PROPER OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF THE PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS:

- Provide as many resources as possible to support the maintenance of the parks.
- Emphasis on excellent parks improving property values, economic value and wellbeing for the citizens.
- Seek Grant funding and explore other funding to support park needs.

- Provide programming and activities in the parks.
- Highlight the parks through the website, social media, etc.
- Prioritize adding amenities to the parks as funding permits.
- Add a memorial bench program to the parks in addition to the memorial tree program.
- Add Pollinator areas and Natural Grass areas to open spaces and underutilized areas in parks.
- Make updates to the Parks Master Plan including the vision and goals.