

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
City Commission Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eddie Harvey, Lloyd Shoemaker, Cathy Oda, Edna Stiefel, Thomas Fogt, Donald Byrnes, and Paul Simmons

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Brookhart

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

President Eddie Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the March 1, 2017, were approved by all members.

ITEM NO. 3: MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS

The Master Plan was completed last year. Brian informed the group that since the plan is completed it should enable the City to apply for many more grants to benefit our parks. It was also noted the pool was not part of the study.

ITEM NO. 4: SHAWNEE PLAYGROUND

Brian reported the equipment that was broken has been replaced and much of it, fortunately, was under warranty. There was some discussion about the possibility of moving the location of the park in the future.

ITEM NO. 5: DAS PARK

Edna told the group the Friends of the Piqua Parks joined with the Four Seasons Garden Club and the City to make improvements. Several trees were cut down, we hired Tom Lillicrap to plant 3 trees and 2 evergreens. We also cleaned out the garden areas so the garden club members could plant \$800 worth of flowers. The city put in a new asphalt walk and painted the light poles. We are having cement pads poured under the benches to help with lawn maintenance. Lastly, the Rotary Club has donated funds for a new flag pole.

ITEM NO. 6: HANCE PAVILION

The work to help eradicate the raccoons was completed last summer.

ITEM NO. 7: DOG PARK

Brian informed that the Dog Park will probably be located at the south end of Pitsenbarger Park where the city has purchased a house and will demolish it. Edna asked if Ashley Hope had been contacted. Brian did not know. Last year Steve Frazier reported the young student, Ashley, had raised some money for a dog park.

ITEM NO. 8: GOLF COURSE

Lloyd Shoemaker, delegate to the board, gave a report on the golf course. Lloyd said there will be no increase in the golf dues, trees are being cut down, a five year plan to replant trees is ongoing, new carts are being purchased and the course is in very good condition.

ITEM NO. 9: MCCOLLOCH STATUE

Brian Brookhart talked about the statue to be donated to the city by Mr. Dickie of the Crown Company. Edna suggested they find out if a QR could be applied to the statue to enable the history of the Congressman William McColloch and his endeavors to secure passage of the Civil Rights bill.

ITEM NO. 10: MAINSTREET PIQUA

Brian Brookhart received information from Lorna Swisher concerning the purchase of self-watering planters for the downtown area. The group would buy three and the city could purchase three. The decision has not yet been made.

ITEM NO. 11: FOUNTAIN PARK

Brian Brookhart informed he has a contract with a tree trimmer to have the trees in the park trimmed which is badly needed. The contract is for forty hours of work. The ash trees in the park are going to be cut down.

ITEM NO. 12: BIKE PATH

Brian said several areas along the bike path will be repaired this year. Tree roots are causing the problems.

ITEM NO. 13: PITSENBARGER PARK

Edna Stiefel reported the Friends of the Parks are in the process of having a QR made to put on the Pitsenbarger Statue. Edison State students composed the story, Glen Dever is recording the history, the QR will be attached to the base and anyone with a smart phone will be able to listen to the heroism of the young soldier that gave his life for the country.

A member asked what is being done about the playground equipment for the park, right now there is none. The park is the most used and it is embarrassing especially when visitors are there from so many sporting events.

ITEM NO. 14: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

The next meeting is in July. Brian will notify members of the date and location.

ITEM NO. 15: ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.