

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00 P.M.  
Public Works Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eddie Harvey, Cathy Oda, Edna Stiefel, Thomas Fogt, Steve Frazier, and Paul Simmons

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brian Brookhart

**ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.

**ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes were approved by all members.

**ITEM NO. 3: OPEN FORUM**

Edna Stiefel asked about the playground equipment at Pitsenbarger Park. Brian has put in for \$80,000 in the budget. He is looking for grants to help match. Paul Simmons suggested collecting funds if he is allowed. Brian Brookhart will check on it.

Edna asked about the steps at Hance Pavillion. Brian will check on this as well.

**ITEM NO. 4: DOG PARK**

Brian Brookhart informed the Board that the Dog Park is moving forward and it has been re-seeded, concrete poured for gates, and the entrance will be split for larger and smaller dogs at Roadside Park.

Eddie asked about expanding the parking lot for the dog park.

**ITEM NO. 5: PARK MAINTENANCE**

High Street Park - The playground equipment has been removed. The park was identified as low use when a survey was done. The City is looking at abandoning it and seeing if someone would be interested in purchasing the lot.

**ITEM NO. 6: PYBSA**

PYBSA - The City encouraged PYBSA, Piqua Braves, and Lady Braves to work together. The Park Board said that there are still maintenance issues at PYBSA. Brian Brookhart has read the lease agreements. The City Manager and Public Works Director will be working on a new lease agreement for the baseball fields. The City is currently mowing all soccer fields but not the baseball and not the football in season. Brian Brookhart informed the Board that he spoke with the City Manager and the city has decided to mow the baseball fields year round along with the soccer and football. The maintenance expectations will be written into the new lease agreements next year. Edna asked if the city can call a meeting with PYBSA, Piqua Braves, and the Lady Braves and act as a mediator between them. The Board asked if they could form a Board that would rotate leadership positions yearly. Steve Frazier asked about assigning a sports commissioner. The lease agreements will be for one year until all the sports associations get on the same schedule. Eddie

asked if a sports committee could be formed. Brian will check on the possibility. He also asked about re-doing outside of fields with new gravel. He said it would be beneficial to put up one building for all groups to use. Brian will find out who can initiate a sports committee.

Pitsenbarger Park - Eddie Harvey asked if the wood fencing at Pitsenbarger Park was going to stay white. Brian Brookhart told him that was only primer and it will be painted black.

**ITEM NO. 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

Eddie Harvey asked about the Christmas tree downtown. He said it's getting old and needs replaced.

Edna asked about adding mulch to playgrounds. Brian Brookhart said they will be doing it this fall.

Jim Vetter is having a clean-up at Goodrich Giles Park on 10/31/18. Brian asked if they would be willing to weed down trailer court if he had enough volunteers.

Thomas Fogt asked about Shawnee Park and putting mulch down. Brian will provide mulch and look at doing something with the area. Thomas also asked about the alley near the Baptist Church. Brian will see what he can do.

Edna asked about houses that have been torn down and if the City is mowing them all. Brian said only the lots that the city owns. Some of the properties are owned by banks, etc.

Brian Brookhart informed the board that he hopes to resurface parts of the bike path.

Brian mentioned about checking on the possibility on a Splash Pad to replace the pool and it would pay for itself. There could be vending machines added for money to go back to the city. Spears Corporation is getting Brian prices for a Splash Pad.

**ITEM NO. 8: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Public Works Building.

**ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.