

**CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
Commission Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eddie Harvey, Eric White, Nolan Campbell, Natalie Young, Cathy Oda, Marcia Garrett and Phillip Moyer

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Pearson, Commissioner
Amy Welker, Health & Sanitation Director
Brian Brookhart, Public Works Director

ITEM NO. 1: CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Eddie Harvey at 6:03 P.M.

ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from March 3, 2021 meeting approved by Marcia Garrett and seconded by Eric White.

ITEM NO. 3: WELCOME NEW PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Park Board welcomes new members Nolan Campbell and Natalie Young.

ITEM NO. 4: DISCUSS POOL FEASIBILITY STUDY FEEDBACK

It will cost \$2.5 million to repair current pool and \$7.4 million for a new pool. Brian Brookhart reviewed the feasibility study and expenses including Hance Pavilion and Mote Park building.

Eric White asked about the pool deficit coming out of the Parks Department. Brian Brookhart explained it comes out of the general fund. Natalie Young asked about the pool being demolished. Brian confirmed that the City didn't have \$7.4 million available at this time. Nolan Campbell asked how much time renovation would give us at the pool. Brian Brookhart informed him approximately 10 years.

Amy asked the Park Board consensus regarding the pool's future.

Natalie Young doesn't think we should demolish the pool and not offer something. Amy Welker preferred to leave the future of the pool area "open". Brian said we couldn't leave the pool

just sit because it won't completely drain. Eric White asked about the cost of a splash pad. Brian informed him approximately \$500,000. Natalie voiced concern that those involved in the building current pool that demolishing it would upset them and lose their support. Phil Moyer moved to demolish and Eric seconded. Three members - Yay; Four members - Nay

Eric White asked about the cost to leave the pool as it is. Amy and Brian stated it was more of a hazard. Amy suggested we move on regarding and wait until September after CIP has been decided. Motion was made that the Park Board would like to see new pool in future and as phase 1 move forward with demo. Marcia made motion and Philip seconded.

ITEM NO. 5: BRIAN BROOKHART - UPDATES

Amy Welker received funding, per department and ranked Eric White asked about additional parking at Pitsenbarger. ~~Marsha~~ Marcia Garrett asked if we would be getting rid of some parks.

Nolan Campbell asked about annual budget. He was informed it starts around \$600,000 and about half goes to personnel. Philip Moyer asked about obtaining grants. Brian explained they were going toward Lock 9 project. Natalie also asked about the basketball courts being put in at Pitsenbarger Park. Cathy Oda asked about getting money from soccer and baseball groups to help offset expenses of parks. Amy Welker said they are looking into it. Nolan asked about the time frame for Lock 9. Brian stated it depends on grants, it possibly could be moving forward by August.

Philip Moyer asked about drawing up a Park Plan. Amy Welker said we would be doing one for just Pitsenbarger at this time.

Philip Moyer asked about the Hance Pavilion and if it had to be made ADA Compliant.

Brian Brookhart informed the Board that the Fountain Park tennis courts have been resurfaced and re-stripped for pickle ball as well. The cost came in less than \$15,000.

The dilapidated equipment will be taken out of the Armory Park. The old pickle ball court will be removed from Mote Park and grass seeded.

The building rentals will begin again starting July 5th to allow time to finish projects.

ITEM NO. 6: NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Brian Brookhart will inform members when and where the next meeting will be held at a later date.

ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn made by Philip Moyer and seconded by Eric White. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes as prepared by Tammy Wright.

ⁱ Item No. 5 – Wrong spelling of Marcia Garrett – changes made after September 8, 2021 meeting