



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Park Board

Keith Smith, Chair

Russ Ackerman

Gene Fitch

Tom King

Douglas Kuhn

Linda O'Neil

Brett Shriver

Trent Wash, Asst. Public Works Director

John Spivak, Asst. Public Works Superintendent

Beth Weiser, Executive Assistant

Monday, February 26, 2018

7:00 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Keith Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Present 5 - Mr. Fitch, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn, Ms. O'Neil and Mr. Smith

Excused 1 - Mr. Shriver

Also in attendance: Trent Wash, John Spivak, Beth Bigham

2. [TMP-3367](#) Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2017

Attachments: [Minutes 11-20-17 draft](#)

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Resident Input

Ms. Bigham, Council Liaison shared appreciation from Mr. Louis Verhas of 1701 Groton Drive about nearby Middleton Park.

A. TMP-3387 Live Healthy Live Hudson

Vic Hamer of 27 Hickory Lane and Mike Bird of 7406 Hudson Park Drive representing Live Healthy, Live Hudson - Leadership Hudson, Class of 2016 talked about the fitness trail at Cascade Park.

The Park Board will recommend to Council that we match funds up to 50% of the total cost \$34,398 for the fitness trail at Cascade Park that was presented by Live Healthy, Live Hudson - Leadership Hudson, class of 2016.

Aye: 5 - Mr. Fitch, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn, Ms. O'Neil and Mr. Smith

Excused: 1 - Mr. Shriver

B. Environmental Awareness Committee

Jeff Wells and Jack Brookhart from the Environmental Awareness Committee came to talk about a partnership to bring recycling cans back into the parks. In spring, cans provided by a Summit County grant were removed from the parks. EAC wants to work with the Park Board to return recycling to the Parks. Gene Fitch volunteered to work with the EAC on this project.

C. Kate Chapel, watershed coordinator, Tinkers Creek Watershed Partnership

Ms. Chapel reported that a grant for Darrow Road Park has been received for \$31,000 for Education and Outreach in that park. Another grant is out currently for stewardship of Darrow Road Park which includes planting natives and removing invasive species. Included in that grant application, Ms. Chapel has requested money for a conceptual stream restoration for the park. Darrow Road Park is a headwater for Tinkers Creek. She can ask for up to \$35,000 with a match. A conservation easement from the City of wetlands on that property can be used for those match dollars. This means we give up rights to develop approximately 50-acres of the wetland portion of the park. There is an existing trail and restoration of that trail also included in the grant. Westcreek Conservancy would take the over the conservation easement. Ms. Chapel is not in a huge hurry for the matching funds (in the form of the easement) but would like us to eventually move to recommend to Council that we allow the conservation easement at Darrow Road Park. Ms. Chapel will provide a map of the wetlands at Darrow Road Park and the PARK Board will table discussion until a later meeting.

Marsha Carten of Herrick Park Drive, near Darrow Road Park, came to support Kate Chapel's Tinker's Creek project.

This matter was continued

4. Director's Report

- Barlow Farm Trail on hold with Engineering.
- Community Gardens test plots to open this spring.
- Shade units to be installed near splash pad.
- Receiving more concepts for the skate park renovation.
- May pavilion to be installed April.
- Emergency dam action plan to be created this season. State guidelines.
- Friends of Hudson Parks has lots of educational event plans for this year.
- Oak Grove Trail- bid opening 3/7.
- Golf course paths bid opening 3/7.
- Veterans Trail phase 1 and Maple Grove discussion.

5. Asst Superintendent Report

The Colony Park bridge is still a go with LULi construction for chip and seal, and we will be replacing the wood on it in the next two months.

We will be addressing the troubled areas on the Hudson Springs Park trail with new drainage and possibly paving those three areas.

Dredging will be taking place as soon as weather permits at Hudson Springs Park.

We are doing ongoing maintenance for spring.

Working with Trent on the skate park design, shade structure for splash pad and trail at Oak Grove.

6. Old Business

A. Master Plan

Next meeting put together timeline to have new Master Plan complete. Time at each meeting to discuss. Mr. Wash suggested a 30-page strategic plan instead of 112 page Master Plan. Mr. King suggested a new survey to get community input of under-served sports, if more ball fields are needed, trail priorities, etc.,. Come prepared with questions and comments on the current Master Plan.

Lands Swap with MetroParks for an area connecting Hudson Springs Park to route 303. Mr. Smith will spearhead this effort.

7. New Business

New contact list will be distributed.

Data and draft agenda will be distributed 1 week prior to meeting to review by members.

Keith Smith would like to attend Council workshops in our off months to improve communication between Council and Park Board. Mr. Wash will see about that possibility. Ms. Bigham can take an executive summary to any council meeting and she can provide Council feedback from his update on the agenda each month.

A. [TMP-3373](#) 2018 Priorities

Attachments: [2018priorities](#)

Updates of priorities were reviewed.

Trails were discussed at length. Veteran's Trail phase 1 along Hines Hill Road is yet to be designed. Tom King thinks we should recommend how the trail goes through the metropark property. Mr. Wash informed the Board that the trail through the South side of Hines Hills property because we do not know when the service center will be built. Mr. King thinks this trail should be incorporated in the redesign of the service center. Hinting Hollow and bridge on wetland. The park board recommendation would not impact any office park development of the former YDC property.

Mr. Smith would like to start the conversation with Summit County MetroParks about the Maple Grove connector.

This matter was received and filed.

[TMP-3416](#) Veterans Trail Phase 1

Attachments: [YDC Property Trail Alignment 1](#)

Mr. King moved to recommend to Council that trail planning work toward connecting Maple Grove Park & Ashbrooke neighborhood to downtown utilizing Veterans Trail Phase 1 and 2 and following as closely to 1e 2d and 3c hugging as close to wetlands as to not disturb public works and corporate park developments.

Aye: 5 - Mr. Fitch, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn, Ms. O'Neil and Mr. Smith

Excused: 1 - Mr. Shriver

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p. m.

Keith Smith, Chair

Beth Weiser, Clerk

Upon approval by the Park Board, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio and video recording, excluding executive sessions.