



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Park Board

Keith Smith, Chair

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, March 19, 2018

7:00 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

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

Present 6 - Mr. Fitch, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn, Ms. O'Neil, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Smith

Also in attendance: Beth Bigham, John Spivak, Beth Weiser, and Kathy Battaglia from League of Woman's Voters.

2. [TMP-3405](#) Minutes of Previous Park Board Meetings.

Attachments: [Minutes 2-26-18draft](#)

The motion for Live Healthy, Live Hudson was restated to change the language from "will recommend to Council" to "recommends to Council." Mr. Smith moved to change the language on the minutes and Mr. Fitch seconded it. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Mr. Shriver

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. O'Neil, that the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Fitch, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn, Ms. O'Neil, Mr. Shriver and Mr. Smith

3. Resident Input

Katrina Roegner of 1556 Hines Hill Road. wants a place to safely ride a horse in Hudson. She'd like the City to consider use of the YDC Property for this purpose. Miss Roegner stated that she used to ride her horse in Darrow Road Park and people loved to see them in the park but now there are signs posted that forbid it. Miss Roegner was informed that her actions were always against park rules but the signs were erected after the boardwalks were damaged by the horses and replaced by the parks twice.

Kristine Roegner of 1556 Hines Hill Road would like a horse trail in Hudson.

Cindy Grace of 1510 E Hines Hill Road would like a horse trail near her home. There are 30 horses in that quadrant.

4. Director's Report

In Mr. Wash's absence, Mr. Spivak gave the following report:

May Pavilion will be delivered tomorrow. As soon as outside temperature allows, concrete will be poured and pavilion constructed soon after.

Oak Grove Trail - bid to be awarded April 3. Construction to follow.

Barlow Farm Park Trail - design will continue as soon as new design engineer is on board.

Connectivity Plan - still being discussed. As soon as plan is finalized, the Park Board will be shown those plans. Council will be presented with plans in the near future.

A Phone Conference with Summit County MetroParks: The North side of Hines Hill is not being looked at for development for at least three more years. They are open to working with us on this property as well as the property between Route 303 and Hudson Springs Park.

Letter from the Assistant City Manager

Three items were requested at last month's Park Board meeting and the responses to those are as follows:

- 1- Motion to route Veterans Trail Phase 1 onto the YDC property. The letter stated that until the known use of the YDC property is confirmed, Phase 1 will be on hold. Council does not want to move forward at this time.
- 2- Park Chair asked to attend Council Workshops in the months we do not have Park Board meetings. Council would prefer the liaison deliver any updates and progress to Council. If an item needs to be heard by Council, the Park Board Chair may request to set up a time.
- 3- Live Healthy, Live Hudson: Park Board and Council have state they have not wanted to fund projects, unless they are a part of the parks budget and plan. If a change has occurred, we will have to discuss this unfunded project.

[18-0026](#) Assistant manager letter

Attachments: [Park Board Letter Scan 3-9-18](#)

There was discussion about how Council will receive Park Board recommendations given its recent reassignment as an advisory committee. Ms. Bigham will research further and further clarify her role as liaison as well.

Ms. Bigham was able to clear up one of the questions about the letter about the recommendation about Veterans Trail. This topic will already appear on a future Council agenda and the Park Board's recommendation will go to Council then.

The second question was about Live Healthy, Live Hudson and the recent recommendation made to Council to partially fund this project. Staff reiterated that the Board that had already voted down this project if it was unfunded but by majority vote, it is the will of the Board to provide funding. It was unclear from the letter whose decision it is to allow this money to be spent since the expense is under \$25,000, it does not need Council approval.

5. Assistant Superintendent Report

Mr Spivak reported on the following ongoing projects:
Boston Mills & Trumbull entrance construction
Colony Bridge
Dredging at Hudson Springs Park
Beginning maintenance on Ball fields

6. Council Update

No further Council update.

7. Old Business

A. [TMP-3400](#) Master Plan

Discussion was had about a timeline for the Master Plan. It was decided that within 12 months, the Park Board will be done with the revision.

The first step will be to conduct a survey. Staff will provide the previous survey before the next meeting.

The Board members will consider for the next meeting:
survey topics
review first 5 pages and appendices of the current Master Plan

no longer focused on land acquisition
equipment inventory does not belong in the master plan such information is kept in department records.
trail plans = City's connectivity plan

B. [TMP-3404](#) Darrow Road Park Easement for Tinkers Creek Watershed

The Park Board would like to see the wetland deliniation study before making the decision to recommend this to Council.

This matter was continued

C. [TMP-3403](#) Park Rules

Attachments: [Park Rules](#)

Mr. Shriver wants to update the rules about Skateboard Park use. Currently only skateboards and roller blades are allowed but there are now also scooters that can be used at Skate Board parks. Since we are in a redesign phase of the Skate Board park, Mr. Spivak will take under advisement and recommend to the Board any necessary changes to the rule after we know exactly what the manufacturer;s suggestions for use are. A new sign of rules will be included when we build the new skate park.

Ms. O'Neil would like us to consider a designated bridal path on the YDC property or in one of the City of Hudson Parks and thus make a rule change allowing Horses on designated trails.

Council recently voted to rezone the YDC property to commercial so it will not be on the YDC property but other passive use parks will be considered. High Point & YDC North of Hines Hills Road were suggested and Mr. Shriver informed the Board that parking for trailers will need to be added as well.

As we move forward with the Master Plan, we will discuss the rules and this addition.

D. Trails

No further discussion was had.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Keith Smith, Chair

Beth Weiser, Executive Assistant

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.