



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes

Park Board

Rhonda Kadish, Chair

Rob Swedenborg, Vice Chair

Russ Ackerman

James Antes

Gene Fitch

Tom King

Douglas Kuhn

Trent Wash, Asst. Public Works Director

Beth Weiser, Executive Assistant

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

7:30 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Ms. Kadish called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Roll Call

Present 6 - Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Antes, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

Excused 1 - Mr. Fitch

Others Present: Frank Comeriato, Trent Wash, John Spivak, Beth Weiser, and Dennis Hanink.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of Previous Park Board Meetings.

Attachments: [June 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

Mr. Swedenborg expressed his concern about the use of video recording as minutes. In an effort to correct Mr. Fitch on the recording of the 6/15/2015 meeting, Mr. Swedenborg stated that in the 2005 addendum to the Parks Master Plan, Ellsworth Meadows was deemed a City-owned Property and that the Parks would now serve in an advisory capacity only meaning the Park Board is no longer responsible for the golf course.

A motion was made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, that the minutes of the 6/15/2015 meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Antes, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

3. Resident Input

A. Veterans Way Splash Pad

Ms. Kadish reported from an email from Stephanie Lightner, 100 Clairhaven Dr. expressing a desire for a splash pad at Veterans Way Park.

This matter was discussed.

B. Geese at Hudson Springs Park

Mr. Swedenborg reported for Louise Niehaus to inquire about the geese in Hudson Springs Park. He also shared some resident input about the disc golf course.

This matter was discussed.

C. Green Info-structure

Attachments: [Green Infrastructure Hand-Out](#)

Ms. Kadish shared information from Mr. Hanink about green info-structure.

This matter was received and filed.

D. Dog Run E-mail

Attachments: [E-mail from Patricia Laflin \(8/4/2015\)](#)

Patricia H. Laflin, 2593 E Streetsboro Road, asked via email that the dog run at Hudson Springs Park be fenced in.

Ms. Kadish asked Mr. Wash to look into pricing.

E. Turnpike Trail Fencing

Mr. Hanink reported resident input from a survey response about the Turnpike Trail.

This matter was discussed.

4. Assistant City Manager Report

A. Staff Report

Attachments: [Parks Budget](#)

Mr. Comeriato reported on the Public Works reorganization and what that means to Parks; information from Council on the budget process; and trail connectivity.

Mr. Comeriato passed out a 5-year budget which should include the wish list items of the Park Board. The Park Board needs to simplify their procedure on the budget. Let Council work out how to pay for all the wish list items.

Turnpike Trail and other trails were also discussed by Mr. Comeriato.

Mr. Comeriato suggested the Park Board get to a more overview level with the Master Plan.

Mr. King requested further clarification on Veterans Trail.

Mr. Swedenborg had questions for Mr. Comeriato about the changing Park Board rolls including trails, budgeting and the proposed Charter changes which redefine the Park Board's roll to an advisory committee losing the autonomy the Park Board once had. Mr. Comeriato addressed his concerns.

These matters was received and filed.

5. Director Report

Mr. Wash reported on the following items: Barlow Farm Park Parking lot and driveway repair; Middleton and Colony playgrounds; Concrete corn hole at Hudson Springs Park; The Restroom upgrades for Cascade, Colony and Oak Grove; The lighting project at Oak Grove; Ball field and dugout upgrades; The Hudson Springs Park connector trail; Facility usage summary which is as follows: total ball field reservations-1472; total soccer field reservations-929; total pavilion Reservations-386.

Mr. Spivak reported on other staff activities.

These matters were received and filed.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Council Report

Mr. Hanink reported on the change to video minutes.

B. Facility Usage

1) Ball Field Usage Policy

Attachments: [Ballfield Usage Policy \(1-1-05\)](#)
[ball policy 5.1.15](#)

Staff was directed to send email to users that they need to notify the Parks Department if they are not going to be using a field they reserved, and that we will be monitoring field usage.

This matter was tabled until the 10/19/2015 meeting.

2) Soccer Field Policy

Attachments: [soccer policy 1.1.2012](#)

This matter was tabled until the 10/19/2015 meeting.

C. Finance Committee

Mr. Swedenborg handed out a budget.

Mr. Wash discussed the changes to the City's budget for the Parks as presented by Mr. Comeriato from our wish list.

Finance Committee Report

Attachments: [hand-out from Mr. Swedenborg](#)

Mr. Swedenborg presented his report.

D. Friends of Parks/Public Relations

Ms. Kadish reported on Hike Hudson.

E. Green on the Green

Ms. Kadish and Mr. King reported that it was a beautiful day, well attended and pairing with the farmers market is genius.

7. Old Business**A. Veteran's Trail Phases 1-3 routing**

Options for phase 1 routing were reviewed.

Mr. King moved to thank the City Engineer and recommend that he move forward with pricing for just these two options. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Aye: 6 - Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Antes, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

B. Master Plan Committee Appointment

Ms. Kadish appointed Tom King and Russ Ackerman to the committee which will also include her and Mr. Wash.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Swedenborg, seconded by Mr. Ackerman, that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Kadish adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm after the motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Antes, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

Rhonda Kadish, 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.