



City of Hudson, Ohio

Meeting Minutes - Final

Park Board

Rhonda Kadish, Chair

Russ Ackerman

James Antes

Gene Fitch

Tom King

Douglas Kuhn

Rob Swedenborg

Trent Wash, Asst. Public Works Director

John Spivak, Asst. Public Works Superintendent

Beth Weiser, Executive Assistant

Monday, May 16, 2016

7:00 PM

Town Hall

1. Call to Order

In accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of Ohio, O.R.C. Section 121.22.

Attendance

Present 5 - Mr. Fitch, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

Excused 1 - Mr. Ackerman

Absent 1 - Mr. Antes

Also in attendance: T. Wash, D. Hannink, B. Weiser

2. Approval of the Minutes

[16-0054](#)

Minutes of the previous Park Board meeting

Attachments:

[Minutes 2-17-16](#)

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Aye: 5 - Mr. Fitch, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

Excused: 1 - Mr. Ackerman

3. Resident Input

Charles Bingham of 94 E Case Dr. & HCER Men's Softball Leagues came to discuss the Lights at Oak Grove Park project and the reasons it has delayed the start of their season.

Pedal Hudson

[TMP-2030](#)

Pedal Hudson Update

Attachments:

[City Council update April 19 2016](#)

Greg Hannan of 129 S. Hayden Pkwy and Mike Millsaps of 1289 Barlow Road came to suggest an off-road bike track and bike racks in the parks.

Leadership Hudson Class of 2016

The Leadership Hudson Class of 2016 wants to put an outdoor fitness park in one of Hudson's Parks. Members of the class present were: April Baratian, Director of Development at Seton Catholic; Margot Osmundsen of 7467 Wetherburn Way; Kelly Kempf of 2449 Cambridge Dr.; Susan Chapman, 20 year employee of the City; Dawn Zelich of 6814 Stow Rd.; Mike Bird of 7406 Hudson Park Dr.; Vic Hamor of 27 Hickroy Ln; & Venu Bujranpally of 7574 Herrick Park Dr.

A motion was made by Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Swedenborg, that the Park Board support this leadership Hudson Class's effort and help to find suitable location in the Parks for their project if the funds are raised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Fitch, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

HUSC Soccer

Ryan Yerkey of 69 Hickory Ln and President of Hudson United Soccer Club and Nader Botros of 1469 Haymarket Way and Travel Director of the same came to discuss the soccer field usage policy and their desire to exclude Premier Soccer Club use of the soccer fields at Barlow Farm Park.

Sam Maniar of 5208 Wilshire Park and Everest Soccer Club came to discuss the use of the fields by their organization.

4. [16-0066](#) Director's Report

Attachments:

[Directors Report 5-16-16](#)

Mr. Wash gave updates on improvements and maintenance items in the parks.

5. Committee Reports

Finance

Budgeting begins in June.

Friends of Hudson Parks

On Hudson Community First Community Service Day Friends put in posts along Veterans Way & Bicentennial Woods Paths for a new activity called a story walk. Playground Palooza is being set up and new summer programming sponsored by Friends will be coming for the summer.

Trail/Connectivity

Committee meeting briefly after meeting.

Oak Grove Trail is west of the building and behind ball fields in the woods.

6. Old Business[16-0033](#)**Parks Mission Statement****Attachments:**[Proposed Parks Mission - discussed at 2-9-2016 Council Workshop](#)[Proposed Parks Mission - discussed at 2-17-2016 Park Board Meeting](#)

Mr. King asked if this mission statement is for the Park Board, the Parks Department or both and how to include that in the wording. Mr. Wash will find out. The mission statement was revised as follows: "The Hudson Park Board's mission shall be to make recommendations to City Council in an effort to preserve, protect, maintain, and enhance the community's natural resources and diversity of natural habitats for current and future generations. The Park Board will facilitate and promote activities, opportunities, and amenities that benefit health, well-being, the enjoyment of nature and the preservation of environmental attributes. It is also the mission of the Hudson Park Board to promote and improve connectivity through a system of recreational trails."

A motion was made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Fitch, that the mission statement be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mr. Fitch, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

The SDGA has decided not to move forward with further improvements to the disc golf course at Hudson Springs Park.

7. New Business

Kiwanis wants to donate money to put a splash pad in at Veterans Way Park. This may cost \$75,000 with no structures and de-chlorination.

Mr. Swedenborg revisited the meeting frequency.

The Turnpike Trail Phase 2 project needs to move forward. Through the trail committee, a letter will be approved and residents along the proposed trail will be contacted hopefully before the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Aye: 5 - Mr. Fitch, Ms. Kadish, Mr. King, Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Swedenborg

Excused: 1 - Mr. Ackerman

The next meeting of the Park Board will be July 18, 2016 at 7 p. m.

Rhonda Kadish, Chair

Beth Weiser, Executive Assistant