



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers

4230 Lake Avenue

Agenda

1. Opening of Committee Meeting

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Sunshine Law Certification

2. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

3. Special Guest Presentation

- a. Mary Church, Assistant Director Planning and Community Development
Update regarding housing

4. City Manager's Report

5. Parks & Recreation Committee Report

- a. August 6, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
- b. September 10, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

- a. Discussing an ordinance regarding the homeless population.
The City of Mentor's ordinance is used as a reference.

8. Next Meeting

- a. October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment



City of Ashtabula – Parks & Recreation Board Agenda/Minutes
Board Chair – Kenneth Vanyo, Sr.
Board Co-Chair – Earl Tucker

Date: August 6, 2024

Location: August Pugliese Meeting Hall

Meeting Called to order (Time): 4:30 PM **By**: Chairman Vanyo

Roll Call of Board Members:

Chair – Kenneth Vanyo, Sr. - here
Co-Chair – Earl Tucker – here
Member – Michael Speelman - here
Member – Emory Moore - here
Member – Timothy Dibble - here
Member – Len Jury - here
Member – (VACANT)

Guests: None

Reading of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to forego previous minutes due to lack of minutes.

Motion to Accept: Earl

Second: Emory

Any Corrections:

Any Correspondence:

None

Old or Unfinished Business :

Tree still not removed near Walnut Beach Sign

Smith Field project is now underway

New Business:

Montford Pt. Marine & Congressional Gold Medal Honoree Lenel Moore – (Relative of Board Member Emory Moore) discussion about how he should be recognized in Veteran's Park.

Earl spoke to an Arborist who wants to speak to the board about replacing trees when they are removed. Earl will try to schedule.

Specific Park Concerns:

Walnut Beach:

Tree still in front of sign. Update on sensory park. Swim Safe system – Briefed Board. Swim & Bacteria safety. Concessions Update. Asked not to discuss Swim Safe system outside of the board for the time being.

YMCA donated a life ring to Walnut Beach.

Earl Motions support of the Swim Safe System, second by Mike. Unanimous support.

Info from Earl - "The Master Gardeners" would like to landscape a portion of area in front of Concession Stand at their costs. Discussed waiting to learn more from City Mgr. Timonere on status of New vs. Existing Concession Stand.

Point Park: Severely needs weed whacking and yard maintenance around monument.

Employees from Kinder Morgan covered graffiti on Hughlett, they would like to see it refurbished. Earl will check into KM doing restoration.

Earl would like to see recognition for their efforts. Hughlett needs to look as nice as the rest of the Harbor.

Marine Museum is interested in assuming care of Maritime Memorial per Earl.

Smith Field: Projects underway. Need to install some pond circulation system so the water is not stagnant.

Kaden Park (W.58th): Garden going well but city needs to keep it up.

Poison Ivy surrounding basketball court needs removed.

Old Guarneri Field: Old cinder track remains. Needs maintenance and maybe agreement with MFG for public use.

E. 48th St. Park: What is the City Status of this park?

Veterans Park: Would like to see recognition of Public Works Employees for work done on Vet's Park before Memorial Day. Vagrants using electric from Pole outlets.

LCpl. Cornelius Park: (North Park): Needs cleaning up from vagrants. Needs landscaping or removal of some shrubbery. Tree needs removed 50' behind Cornelius' Boulder. Tree mostly dead, possible liability issue.

South Park: Needs some clean-up and landscaping of what is there.

Nappi Field: Needs maintenance. Status of the park for the city?

Massucci Field: Status?

W. 38th St. Park: Status of the park?

New Main Ave. Green Space (?): Status of the Park?

New City Hall Park (?): Status?

Next Meeting Date/Time:

Due to Labor Day holiday, Earl motioned to move meeting to September 10th @ 4:30PM, Seconded by Mike. Approved. Meeting to be held at August Pugliese Meeting Room.

Meeting Adjourned Time: 5:37 PM

Secretary: *Timothy A. Dibble, Acting Secretary*



City of Ashtabula – Parks & Recreation Board Agenda/Minutes
Board Chair – Kenneth Vanyo, Sr.
Board Co-Chair – Earl Tucker

Date: September 10, 2024

Location: C.O.A. Council Chambers

Meeting Called to order (Time): 4:30 PM **By**: Chairman Vanyo

Roll Call of Board Members:

Chair – Kenneth Vanyo, Sr. – Present
Co-Chair – Earl Tucker – Present
Member – Michael Speelman - Present
Member – Emory Moore - Present
Member – Timothy Dibble - Present
Member – Len Jury – Present
Member – Blake Hinkle – Present

*New Board Member Blake Hingle welcomed to the board.

Guests: Ward 5 Jane DiGiacomo

Reading of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to Accept: Earl
Any Corrections: None

Second: Ken

Any Correspondence: None

Old or Unfinished Business :

Tree still not removed near Walnut Beach Sign
Smith Field project is now underway

New Business: None

Specific Park Concerns:

Walnut Beach: Tree still not removed near WB sign on Hubbard House lawn.
A-Tech students landscaping Hubbard House. Landscape brick feature breaking away from HH onto sidewalks.
Surveying for Sensory park is underway.

Point Park: No landscaping maintenance done around monument yet.
Hughlett still looking rough. Earl to talk to Kinder-Morgan about heading up restoration of Hughlett.

Smith Field: Work moving forward on basketball & tennis courts, progressing well.

Kaden Park (W.58th): Needs road covering to keep dirt down much like the townships do on their dirt roads. Asphalt grindings a possibility?

Old Guarneri Field: Pick up games going on, field looks good. Basketball court in good condition.

E. 48th St. Park: Neighbors maintaining the lawn.

Veterans Park: Who is owner of building next to park? Would like to discuss patriotic painting on side of building facing park.
Names of public works employees who landscaped the park – Jane Haines will notify Tim.

LCpl. Cornelius Park: (North Park):
Shrubbery needs removed/replaced. Tree needs removed from behind Cornelius Boulder.
Replace dead, dying & removed trees.
Possibility of A-Tech landscaping Vet's & Cornelius Parks next Spring?

South Park: Talk to Police/Fire Unions about their interest in making this a "First Responders Park" similar to Veterans Park. Could be cleaned up, be a place for Memorials, Police Week, 9/11 Memorials, etc... Gauge interest?

Nappi Field: Oct. 6 Movie night 5:30–7:30 food trucks, movie starts 7:30 – already applied for permit from city. Nightmare Before Christmas by new Board Member Blake Hinkle.
Some fencing damaged by fallen tree. Tree has apparently been removed.

Massucci Field: None at this time.

W. 38th St. Park: AMHA status assuming control/ownership of this park?

New Main Ave. Green Space (?): Status?

New City Hall Park (?): Will this fall under the Parks & Rec Board?

****Old Salvation Army Alley painting on Sept. 21-22. 11-3 & noon-3**

Next Meeting Date/Time: TBA

Meeting Adjourned Time: 5:10 PM

Secretary: *Timothy A. Dibble, Acting Secretary*

COUNCIL CHAMBER
City of Mentor

Council
08/20/2024

ORDINANCE NO. 24-O-058

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 521.15 OF PART FIVE,
GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF MENTOR, 2006, AS AMENDED,
TO ESTABLISH A PROHIBITION AGAINST CAMPING ON PUBLICLY OWNED
AND CONTROLLED PROPERTY, AND PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, the City of Mentor as well as other governmental agencies and departments own/control various real property as well as rights-of-way within the City; and

WHEREAS, these public lands and rights-of-way are owned/controlled, operated and maintained for specific public purposes; and

WHEREAS, unless specifically designed, outfitted, designated and maintained as camping sites, the act of camping on public real property and rights-of-way impairs and impedes the specific public purposes for which the real property and rights-of-way have been devoted to public use, threatens their good and orderly maintenance, and can endanger facilities and grounds; and

WHEREAS, certain activities occurring on public property and rights-of-way subject persons to health and safety risks where they can, inter alia, come into conflict with vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, for persons not engaging in these activities out of convenience or pleasure, the City of Mentor is and remains committed to providing all available assistance and resources to any person desiring such aid and nothing in this Ordinance should be construed as an expression of anything less than concern, compassion, and the City's commitment to help with the aid of anyone in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter and plenary power conferred by §§ 3 and 7 of Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution, the Council finds that it is in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare to enact this prohibition against camping on publicly owned/controlled property and public rights-of-way in the City of Mentor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENTOR, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Part Five, General Offenses Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mentor, 2006, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended with the enactment of new § 521.15, the full text is, and shall be, as follows in bold text:

521.15 CAMPING PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WITHIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

(a) No person shall camp on publicly owned and/or publicly controlled property or within the boundaries of any public right-of-way.

(b) As used in this section, the following words are defined as follows:

(1) “Camp” means the act of placing bedding or any materials used for bedding purposes, placing or assembling a shelter, and/or placing or creating facilities for food preparation at a specific location and whether or not placed on the ground or upon an improved surface. “Placing or creating facilities for food preparation” does not include such activities when conducted at a location and within the areas or facilities designated by the governmental agency of jurisdiction as permitted for such activity, subject however to any rules and regulations related to such activity promulgated by the governmental agency of jurisdiction.

(2) “Control” means having an interest in real property whether by virtue of easement, plat, lease, license or other legal right or privilege.

(2) “Shelter” means anything designed, including that which is of crude or extemporaneous assembly, to provide a person protection from the natural elements for purposes of sleeping, food preparation, and/or any other activities of living. “Shelter” does not include a motor vehicle, trailer, or watercraft when parked/docked at a location approved by the governmental agency of jurisdiction as permitted for such parking/docking, subject however to any rules and regulations related to such parking/docking promulgated by the governmental agency of jurisdiction.

(c) It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section that the violation occurred as a direct and immediate response to a bona fide emergency. “Emergency” means an unforeseeable act that resulted in the person having to take immediate, temporary action to preserve their safety. The affirmative defense provided by this division (c) shall not be available when the activity that violates this section continues for a period of time in excess of forty-eight (48) hours. This section shall not be a defense for any acts that are otherwise prohibited by law.

(d) This section shall not be operative on property owned or controlled by the State or Federal government when the State or Federal government permit the activity.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on the second offense, and a misdemeanor of the second degree on the third or any subsequent offense.

COUNCIL CHAMBER

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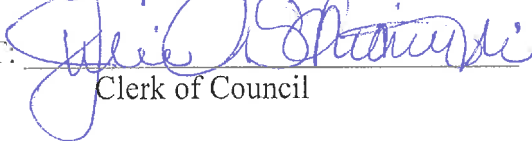
SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that, except as otherwise provided by § 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

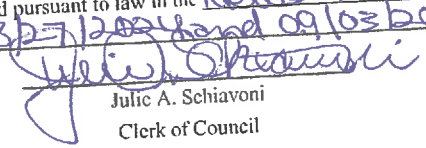
SECTION 3. That publication of this Ordinance shall occur in book form and certified as correct by the Clerk of Council and Council President. The Clerk shall cause notice of the enactment by title of the Ordinance and a summary of the new matters covered by it as required by §§ 731.21 and 731.22 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall be effective and in force at the earliest time provided by law.



President of Council

PASSED: 
ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

I, Julie A. Schiavoni, Clerk of Council of the City of Mentor,
do hereby certify that ~~Ordinance~~ Resolution
No. 246.058 passed/adopted by the Council
of the City of Mentor on 08/20/2024 was duly
advertised pursuant to law in the Norw. Herald
on 08/27/2024 and 09/03/2024

Julie A. Schiavoni
Clerk of Council