



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:30 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. Leonard Stepp Jr., MBA President and CEO Ashtabula Regional Medical Center ARMC Healthcare System
Update on the Health System and the ARMC Patient Care Tower
- 4. City Manager's Report**
- 5. Parks & Recreation Committee Report**
 - a. Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes, Parks Map & List, Parks Rules
- 6. Unfinished Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Next Meeting**
 - a. November 19, 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: September 30, 2024

Location: C.O.A. Council Chambers

Meeting Called to order (Time): 5:30 PM **By**: Chairman Vanyo

Roll Call of Board Members:

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

Guests: City Manager Jim Timonere, Ward 5 Jane DiGiacomo

Reading of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to bypass minutes as all members received them.

Motion to Accept: Len

Second: Blake

All in favor - unanimously passed.

Any Corrections: None

Any Correspondence: None

Old or Unfinished Business: Learned the city was not awarded CDC funding for concession stand. Mr. Timonere thinks there may be \$30,000 set aside for sidewalks which should cover costs. Capp Steel donating labor to the project which will be a large savings for the city.

New Business: Mr. Timonere says he has been as responsive as possible to P&R board. Does not understand complaints from Board Members as a lot of work has been accomplished in cooperation with P&R Board. Invites any member to reach out to him as he responds to everyone as quickly as he can and is willing to listen to suggestions. He also wants any issues seen by citizens and/or Members reported to City as soon as possible, do not wait for P&R Board Meetings to address it.

Mr. Timonere's Expectations for the Board: would like to hear directly from P&R Board members regarding any complaints or issues, he is open to calls/emails. Wants focused plans for parks. Wants the board to submit doable projects each year that can be afforded. Discuss and submit larger projects that may take time and more funding.

Mr. Timonere seeking a center for those homeless to have a place for the day, a care center, which may also assist them with aid and assistance.

Paving for Smith Parking lot est. \$180-190,000. Parks levy brings in roughly \$300,000 for 13 parks, \$5600 goes for county fees. This pays employees, maintenance, etc. Savings on lifeguards this year due to inclement weather so not staffed at those times.

2 more Pickleball Courts at Walnut Beach would cost an additional \$179,000. May have \$270,000 carryover to 2025.

Public Works beginning to button up the parks for the year.

Two Zero-Turn mowers coming to the end of their useful lives, Council may seek another Zero-Turn as a replacement.

Mrs. DiGiacomo wants the P&R board to work on rules for the parks, to help deter vagrancy and vandalism. Current Park rules to be emailed to members. Seek a blend of the current rules with what the P&R Board would like to add. They will go to the City Solicitor for review before going to Council.

Blake Hinkle suggested that each P&R Board Member visit each City Park we are responsible for and list observations and suggestions by the next meeting.

Specific Park Concerns:

Walnut Beach: No additional landscaping on the hill this season. No intention at all to move Bocce Ball Courts. 114,000 people visited the park this year. Approximately 59,000 were unique visitors.

SwimSafe system much more expensive than originally stated. Looking to alternatives. May be able to put out more life rings next year.

Equipment for Inclusion Zone should start arriving on 10/01/24 and will start going up. Once all equipment is up, sidewalks then landscaping will be completed.

Point Park: Hillside was trimmed before some of the Bridge Street Festivals.

Smith Field: Some finish up still to completed. Green is painted on the courts and is already being used. Hope for additional use by leagues in the summers.

Kaden Park (W.58th): Nothing Today

Old Guarneri Field: Nothing Today

E. 48th St. Park: Nothing Today

Veterans Park: Marker info for Lenel Moore in process. MCL adopted Moore.

LCpl. Cornelius Park: (North Park): Fountain will soon be closed down for the winter. The gazebo is a focal point for vagrants and deters those who wish to enjoy it. Law Enforcement must be cautious not to treat them differently and infringe upon their rights.

Mrs. DiGiacomo stated that City Solicitor Ms. Cooper advises we may be able to implement a Reservation System for the Gazebo so those who may have weddings or other services may show they have the Gazebo reserved for their purpose.

South Park: Many people from Signature Health leave their facility and then loiter, relieve themselves and sleep in the park.

Nappi Field: Movie Night is a go for Sunday Evening 5:30 – 9:30. Park in good condition. Clean-up to be done after event. Food trucks in parking lot. Fence has been repaired.

Massucci Field: Massucci Field is being used quite a bit by St. John School Athletics. Next year Smith & Massucci will both be used by St. John's.

W. 38th St. Park: Still working on a plan to hand this park over to AMHA. Would like to ensure everything is up to par before giving to them.

****PLEASE NOTE: ALL FUTURE ASHTABULA CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE 4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. ****

Next Meeting Date/Time: Monday, October 28, 2024 @ 5:30 PM in Council Chambers.

Meeting Adjourned Time: 5:28 PM

Submitted By: *Timothy A. Dibble, Secretary*