



## **City of Ashtabula**

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM

4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

### **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. Mr. Greg Myers, Executive Director - Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County
- 4. City Manager's Report**
- 5. Parks & Recreation Committee Report**
  - a. Park & Rec Committee Meeting Minutes - October 3, 2023
- 6. Unfinished Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Next Meeting**
- 9. Adjournment**

## **Park and Recreation Board Meeting**

October 3, 2023

Walnut Beach

Members Present: Ken Vanyo, Earl Tucker, Emery Moore, Margaret Distler

No Counselors, No visitors.

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm

Motion to approve August meeting minutes by Earl Tucker, seconded by Ken Vanyo. (No Sept. meeting)

Earl brought up what he was aware of, City is waiting on the electricity for the sign at Walnut Beach. The drainage project at Smith field should start soon. The beach mats, etc. have been put away for the season. Lifeguards mentioned to Earl they would like to see the beach mats extended; they are not close enough to the water.

Earl also said that he heard the sensory park that was mentioned to possibly go in at Kaden Park was being considered in the area where the West Junior High used to be.

It was again brought up that the Hulett at Point Park needs refurbishment along with the information plaques. This had been brought up back in May.

Margret read a signed petition that was given to her by the Topky Pickleball group. It stated that they were appreciative of the changes in response to their visit to previous meetings. They had read in the Gazette that the second part of Smith Field would encompass a basketball court and Pickleball courts. They ask that the city consider placing all 4 of the city's PB courts in one place: preferably with the tennis moving to Smith Field and all the Pickleball being located beside Harbor Topky Library, rather than having two courts in one location and two courts in another. The board did agree that this did make sense. Richard Burdyslaw who delivered the petition to Margaret also asked for the name of and the next date of the Economic Development, Park and Recreation Committee Meeting as they were going to attempt to attend. Margaret will reach out to Jane Haines DiGiacomo to get the petitions to her.

Margaret said that the CM advised that the city had not had any further discussions with AMHA regarding W. 38<sup>th</sup>. St. Park, it was something that they will probably discuss over the winter. Also, they will be winding down park activities and putting stuff away for the winter.

It was brought up that a large group of people would like to see a plaque naming the City Dog Park after Richard Quaranta. He was such a champion of the city and its Parks. The Park and Recreation Board thought it was a good idea and would like the city to consider this.

The Park & Recreation Board is still in need of 3 members. Have not had any correspondence regarding any applications for the positions.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting November 8<sup>th</sup>\* due to Election Day being on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of November. The meeting will be at the Municipal building, 5:00 pm.