

**TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
January 13, 2014**

Roll Call

Chairman Hodges called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Members in attendance included: Doug Chitwood, Doug Slagel and Pat Hodges and new members Kevin Cox and Ben Woodruff. Service Director Scott Vagedes, Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp. Trustee) and Carla Frame (Tipp City Board of Education) were also present.

Those signing the register included JJ Slanker, Margie DeHays, Alex Gonter-Dray, Kellie Woodruff, Woody Woodruff, Josh Woodruff, and Randy Myer. Nancy Bowman, reporter, was in attendance.

Oath of Office

Mayor Pat Hale issued the oath of office to the newly appointed members, Cox and Woodruff.

**Election of
Chairman, Vice-
Chairman and
Secretary**

Mr. Hodges opened the floor to nominations. Mr. Hodges nominated Mr. Slagel for Chairman, Mr. Chitwood for Vice-Chair and himself for secretary. Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Vote was taken and Mr. Slagel was elected Chairman, Mr. Chitwood- Vice Chairman and Mr. Hodges as secretary. Mr. Hodges handed over the gavel to Mr. Slagel.

Minutes

November 13, 2013
Meeting

Mr. Slagel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Chitwood **moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting**. Mr. Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-2. Mr. Cox and Mr. Woodruff abstained as they were not board members at the time.

New Business

2014 meeting dates

Mr. Slagel read thru the list of the Board meeting dates as given in the staff report.

Canal Music Festivals

Ms. Slanker came forward and requested dates for the 5th year for these festivals. In the report it gave two dates but the festival committee decided to just do one festival this year. The date is June 14 at the north end of City Park at the old baseball fields. She said electric is always a concern and probably they will need to run a generator at that end of the park. The performers will be Hotel California. Additional trash cans and street barricades will be needed as before. Ms. Slanker was informed that she needs to receive City Council's approval for the liquor license. Mr. Slagel asked for any further questions. There were none. Mr. Hodges **moved to approve the Canal Music Festival for June 14, 2014**. Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Breast Cancer Awareness Race

Margie DeHays came forward. It is the fifth year for this 5k race. The date will be May 10, 2014 which is the Saturday after the City-wide Garage Sale. The old course will be used as the Mum Run uses. The registration starts at 7:00am, not much set-up is needed. The race is at 8:00am. Registration is done at the football field with Mr. Shomper's cooperation. No problems have been encountered and Community Services assists with tables for the registration. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the RACE for breast cancer awareness for Saturday, May 10, 2014.** Mr. Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Parks Brochure

Mr. Vagedes showed the Board a copy of the brochure that had been edited. Park locations and descriptions were given. Roundhouse rules could be eliminated and information on the horse trails and prairies could be added. Mr. Hodges asked everyone to send their suggestions to him and he would review those and forward them to staff.

Old Business

Upper Room
Worship Center 5k
Run

Mr. Vagedes said that after review it was determined that this 5k was to be run in the city streets, therefore it is not under this Board's prevue. They will need to coordinate with the police for their route.

Pet Memorial Pavers

Mr. Asher received a price from Stum Masonry for labor to install the bricks. This walk would be from the asphalt and lead up to the entrance of the Dog Park. The estimated cost is \$7,000. We would supply the sand and the gravel. Mr. Vagedes showed one of the Main Street paver that had been engraved as a sample and then he showed a paver from the Veterans Memorial Park. The Main Street bricks need the mortar cleaned off. They looked over the engraving on the pavers. The newer pavers are much better for the installation. Mr. Hodges voted for the newer pavers. Mr. Vagedes asked the Board if they wished to spend monies on the Dog Park rather than some other neighborhood park project. Mr. Hodges thought it was also first discussed as a pet memorial, not just dogs. Mr. Hodges thought it would be best for more information and a decision at the March 10th meeting.

Playground
Equipment- report &
grants

Mr. Vagedes referred to the packet and the City received conditional approval from the ODNR for funding for the City Park playground equipment. \$27,283 is the grant amount the City is to receive. Matching funds are in the City Park/Kyle Park budget for 2014.

Tip City Turkey
Trot

Mr. Asher reported there were **250** runners and it was a great success and there are plans to do it again next year.

Other Business
Stump removal

Mr. Asher reported there was a delay in the stump removal in City Park but have since all been removed. There was an equipment breakdown but it has been fixed now.

**Citizens'
Comments Not on
the Agenda**
Tipp Junior Baseball

Mr. Myers from Tipp City Junior Baseball came forward. There was some damage from the flooding. One portable mound floated into the outfield of Field #9. Once the ground is in better shape that will be repaired. There was an inquiry on the old PA system that was removed from downtown. It was said to have been put in a garage and the baseball representatives were not sure which garage that was. Mr. Vagedes said to check with Mrs. Butera. Mr. Asher said to also check down at the power station. They asked about the walkway grant that was applied for. Mr. Vagedes said the City did not receive that grant. That project has no funding for it at this time. They said that is one complaint that they receive regarding the lack of a walkway.

Mr. Chitwood asked if gravel could be put down. Mr. Vagedes said the City's code requires a hard surface. Council would have to be approached at budget time for that to be funded by the City. Those recommendations should come to the Parks Advisory Board and then passed onto the City Council. Mr. Vagedes explained that the project had been budgeted for in 2014. No grant was received. The project had not been budgeted for in 2015, therefore there is no money at this time being held over. Mr. Myers said there are other items that need attention with the ball diamonds. Mr. Vagedes said when the fields were designed and constructed that Jr. Baseball board said they would put in fencing, covers for the dugouts, and many improvements that they said they would do. Through the years, Mr. Vagedes said he has not seen any funding coming from Jr. Baseball for fencing, dug-out covers that were promised. As an administrator for the City, he said he found it difficult to spend \$80,000 for a handicap-accessible walk that is necessary when Jr. Baseball hasn't put up dugout covers to protect their children. Mr. Gonter-Dray said they could provide the list of the funds that have been allocated to the ball diamonds for improvements. Money is spent on helmets and safety equipment. Mr. Slagel said other cities have full-time recreational departments and Tipp City does not but he complimented Junior Baseball on what they have done. Mr. Hodges said it would help to see what Jr. Baseball has spent.

Dr. English asked about the damage from the flooding. Mr. Asher said there has been some clean-up. There were a lot of corn stalks washed in. There was some water in the restrooms around the ball fields but no damage, just clean-up. A little wash-out by the wooden picnic tables near the horse trail. The tables were washed to the creek area. He didn't think there was any major damage.

**Board Member
comments**

Mr. Hodges said he saw a bike-path in Florida that had some fitness stations along the way. It is something for the Board to consider. Mr. Asher said he and Mr. Vagedes have discussed adult fitness equipment before. He said he even had prices a few years

ago. Mr. Hodges said it was a 10-station fitness trail with the cost being around \$6,000. Mr. Vagedes stated the soccer and baseball fields were set up for the youth. The flag football is for another age group and this could be something for adults and youth. Duke Park in Troy has something similar.

Mr. Slagel asked about the schedule for the sewer project completion. Mr. Vagedes said that is a TCA project and Danis has been delayed with the weather. They hoped to have the entrance done by spring but it was planned as an 18-month project.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, March 10, 2014. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm on a motion by Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mr. Chitwood and unanimously approved.

APPROVED:


Board Chairman

ATTEST:


Marilyn Fennell, Recording Secretary