

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO **March 10, 2014**

Roll Call

Chairman Slagel 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, Kevin Cox, Doug Slagel and Ben Woodruff. Service Director Scott Vagedes, Park Superintendent Jim Asher, Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp. Trustee), and Kathy Taylor (Tipp-Monroe Community Services) were also present.

Those signing the register included Jacob Kolb, Janet Bowling, Ron Sheranko, Amy Sheranko, and Nate Bednar.

Excuse member

Mr. Cox **moved to excuse the absence of Pat Hodges**. Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes

January 13, 2014 Meeting

Mr. Slagel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Chitwood **moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting**. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business

Dog Frisbee- Nate Bednar, June 7-8- Kyle Park

Mr. Bednar came forward. He was asking approval for the Southern Ohio Flying K9s annual Dog Frisbee competition. This will be the third time for it to be held in Tipp City's Kyle Park. There are usually 20-30 people and 50-60 dogs. There is no fee charged and spectators are encouraged to attend. Mr. Vagedes said Mr. Hodges did e-mail and say he has attended and enjoyed the competition. Mr. Slagel also agreed. Mr. Bednar said Mr. Asher makes sure there are trash cans available. The competition will be June 7 and 8th, from 8am to 5pm. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the 4th Annual Dog Frisbee Competition for June 7 and 8th**. Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Ms. Taylor reminded Mr. Bednar that he needs to complete the paper work with Community Services and provide a copy of their liability insurance.

United Methodist Church Community Festival, August 3- City Park

Mrs. Bowling came forward to request the use of City Park for the United Methodist Church community festival to be held August 3. This is the third year and it has grown each year. A worship will be held first, followed by a picnic and children's games and inflatables. Mr. Vagedes said if inflatables are used, approval must be obtained from the City Law Director. Ms. Taylor said paperwork needs to be completed as before. Mrs. Bowling said a church member may bring in a food truck to sell ice cream. Ms. Taylor said they would need a vendor's license and proof of insurance, much like the Mum Festival requirements. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the use of City Park for the United Methodist Church festival on August 3**. Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business
2014 Parks Budget

Mr. Vagedes directed the Board to his report in the packet. The budgeted project descriptions for 2014 were listed, followed by the proposed 2014 projects. It was suggested to move the Kyle Park Observation Tower back two years and do something for the Dog Park Memorial pavers and some adult exercise stations. The City did receive official approval for the playground equipment in City Park. A grant of \$27,283 has been approved with \$30,300 matching funds from the City, including the safety surface which will be installed by the Parks Department for a total of \$57,614. The remaining budgeted funds available would be \$14,669. That could include City Park merry-go-round safety surfaces, adult exercise stations, and the foundation/mulch work for the stations. The neighborhood park improvements were listed at a cost of \$25,000. Mr. Vagedes said he was looking for input from the Board. Mr. Slagel asked if a vote was needed. Mr. Vagedes said that no vote is needed but some direction. 5 adult exercise stations were listed for their approval.

Mr. Asher added he has been in contact with Snyder Brick for some pavers at a reduced cost for the dog memorial walk. Mr. Vagedes thought a 3-colored paver combination would work. Mr. Slagel thought the Board should work on the safety surfaces first and then add the playground equipment later. Mr. Chitwood said it appeared there were the funds in the 2014 budget for the surfaces and equipment listed. The Board agreed to the items listed. Mr. Vagedes said he would proceed along with Mr. Asher on the list of projects.

Mr. Vagedes said the large playground piece of equipment was included in the packet. Mr. Asher said it will replace the piece that is just north of the Roundhouse. A member asked when the adult equipment could be installed. Mr. Vagedes thought possibly by Memorial Day or first of June. Mr. Slagel asked if the remaining stone fireplace would be ready for summer. Mr. Asher thought it would be.

Canal Music Festival

Mr. Vagedes reported that Ms. Slanker received approval from Council for the alcohol permit for the Canal Music Festival.

Parks Brochure

Mr. Vagedes said an 8.5" x 14" flyer has been created. It can be posted on our city website. He asked the Board if they thought the information is what they were wanting. Mr. Chitwood thought it was descriptive of the parks. Ms. Taylor liked the different parks being listed and a map of the bike path. If the Board is satisfied staff will proceed. Mr. Slagel asked if some boxes were going to set up in the parks for distribution. Mr. Asher thought Canal Lock Park would be a good location. Mr. Slagel added a Kyle Park location. Ms. Taylor asked about adding the equine trail. Dr. English recommended a separate map for the trail at the entrance

of that trail. Dr. English also brought up the fees listed for two of the shelters but not the Roundhouse. That will be reviewed and probably the fees will be deleted with there being the paragraph for rentals information to contact the City.

Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the brochure with the adjustments mentioned.** Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Other Business

TCA Project update

Mr. Asher said the project has S. First Street closed this week so the connection can be made.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day is April 25 and 5 trees will be planted in Rosewood Creek Park. 3 Black Hill Spruce and 2 Princeton Elms will be planted at 10:00am. Also the Tree Board will be hosting the Tree City USA Awards in Tipp City on April 11 at the Lutheran Church.

Citizens' Comments Not on the Agenda

Tipp City Jr. Baseball

Jacob Kolb came forward with information on monies spent by Jr. Baseball in Kyle Park. He also asked the date of the completion of the entrance to the Park for the resurfacing. Mr. Vagedes said that is being done by Danis and Mrs. Butera, the Utility Director, has informed them it must be done for Jr. Baseball. When they get done crossing First Street, there will be cold-mix put down, with firm pavement going in when it warms up and the asphalt plants are again open, approximately mid-April. Mr. Kolb said practice is to start March 18 with the season opening in April. Mr. Kolb asked about the corn stalks. Mr. Asher said crews hoped to be in there this week, depending on the weather. Mr. Kolb asked about turning the water on. Mr. Asher said it is not usually done until the first of April because of the cold weather.

Mr. Kolb said their annual maintenance day got pushed back to March 22.

The Bridge-Easter Egg Hunt April 19

Mr. Slagel asked for further comments. Mr. Ron Sheranko came forward from the Bridge church that meets at the Broadway Elementary School. They were asking permission to hold an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19 at City Park. They set up around 9am and are done by 12:30pm. The park is sectioned off for 3 different areas for different age groups. They use one of the park shelters for a station. Mr. Asher thought it was no problem. Mr. Vagedes said the shelters at the north end are first come-first served. Mr. Vagedes said he spoke to Mr. Gingerich of Broadway School and had good reports on this group. Ms. Taylor reminded him to stop at Community Services and take care of the paperwork. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the Easter Egg Hunt for the Bridge for April 19 in City Park.** Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Sheranko asked if there will be maps for the disc golf. Mr.

**Board Member
comments**

Asher said those will be placed at Hole #1.

Mr. Chitwood said he was excited about the new equipment and changes happening. Mr. Slagel asked if someone was driving a horse trailer back thru the trail. Mr. Asher said a city truck was driven back there to inspect the well when it was wet. Mr. Slagel asked when the soccer fields are to be reseeded. Mr. Asher said he hoped it would be the end of April. Mr. Cox thought the parks brochure looked good. Dr. English asked if the mile markers have been installed on the bike trail. Mr. Asher said the County put some heat-tape down and some have come up already. Dr. English asked about posts being installed. Mr. Vagedes said he and other jurisdictions were not in favor of those as it created more to mow and trim around and could cause injury to bikers if they got off the path. Mile markers on the path begin approximately 1500' north of Ross Road at the County line and run north thru Piqua. There is approximately 2.5 miles within the city limits. Mr. Slagel added he would still like to see a park ranger added to staff, 5-6 months out of the year. Mr. Vagedes reminded the Board that would be an additional budget item to consider.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, May 12, 2014. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm on a motion by Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: _____
Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Recording Secretary