

**TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**                      **July 14, 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: Douglas Chitwood, Kevin Cox, Patrick Hodges, Doug Slagel and Ben Woodruff. Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp. Trustee), and Kathy Taylor (Tipp-Monroe Community Services) were also present. Reporters Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were present.

Those signing the register included Steve Glaser, Randy Myers, Andrew White, and Tammie Rafferty.

**Minutes**

May 12, 2014  
Meeting

Mr. Slagel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Hodges said his name had been omitted from those in attendance. Mr. Hodges **moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting as amended.** Mr. Slagel seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1. Mr. Chitwood abstained due to his absence.

**New Business**

Project Believe Inc.-  
Disc Golf  
Tournament

No one was present at this time. The date of the tournament was to be September 13, 2014. Tammy Rafferty arrived. She stated the tournament was to be a fund raiser for their organization. It benefits kids who are in foster care and in residential care. This is the first year for this project. Mr. Hodges asked if the course was ready for a tournament. Ms. Taylor said it just needs the pads put in. It can be used now. Mr. Asher said they need to register with Community Services. Ms. Taylor asked how do they keep others from using it that date. Mr. Asher said they would have their paper that would state the use and the time it was reserved for. She said they were thinking of a late morning start time and they are expecting 20 participants but it could be more. Ms. Taylor asked if there was anyone in the organization that is familiar with a disc golf tournament. Ms. Rafferty said that Mr. White was and he should be arriving shortly.

Mr. White arrived. Ms. Taylor asked if they would need restrooms. Mr. Asher said there is a porta-john there but if requested, the Aquatic Center restrooms could be opened. Mr. Asher added they need to install the board at Tee #1 that shows the entire course layout. He said it is being used every day. Mr. Chitwood commented he has seen it being used. Mr. White commented about the concrete pads. Mr. Asher said that will not be done this year. Mr. White thought the tournament should last about 3 hours. Mr. Hodges **moved to approve the disc golf tournament for September 13, 2014 upon completion of paper work with Community Services.** Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Tweed Woods – Play feature

Mr. Asher had a quote from the same company that provided the new feature in City Park. This new feature replaces one in Tweed Woods subdivision and is a capital improvement item. There is \$25,000 in the budget and \$1,800+ for some rubber mulch replacement in Hathaway Park from the May flooding event. He passed down a picture of the feature. Ms. Taylor asked what was going to be removed. Mr. Asher said it was a small feature and there are some issues with the slide and it is just aged. The Board thought the piece would be a good replacement.

### Old Business

City Park-Play Structure

Mr. Asher reported the old structure was removed and the new one is to be delivered July 15. He is planning to have it installed next week. The pea gravel and rubberized mulch was left in and the tuff-timbers for border. That will save some money.

Dog Park-paver update

Mr. Asher said he got a price from Snyder Brick; 6" x 6" pavers, brownish-tan color for \$2,300. The walkway plan has been reduced a bit. It will be 8' wide and 40' in length and then it y's out to 24' wide and covers both gates. Estimate cost for labor is \$2,000. The current gravel will be dug out and then they will form everything up, lay the pavers, and put the border in. The total estimate is \$4,300. Mr. Asher said this was not in the original budget and the first estimate was \$7,000. He has reduced that considerably. The pavers are a bit smaller and are one color. Mr. Cox asked how many pavers were needed. Mr. Asher replied it was going to be 750 sq. ft. and it was figured that was around 3,000 bricks.

Mr. Hodges said the Board had agreed to delay the observation tower planned and budgeted \$7,000 for the dog park. He said the project should be completed. Mr. Asher said he could move forward and get official quotes and obtain the purchase orders needed. Mr. Chitwood **moved to approve the Dog Park paver walk**. Mr. Slagel seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### Other Business

Parks Brochure

A sample of the Parks Brochure was distributed to the members. This is the brochure that is distributed throughout the city in various locations.

U.D. Soccer Camp-Tipp Youth Soccer

Ms. Taylor reported the Soccer Camp is scheduled for July 28-31 and seems to be all set. University of Dayton has done their paperwork and it is all a "go".

Flood damage-Hathaway Park

Mr. Asher reported that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the rubber mulch was washed away in the May flood event from Hathaway Park. The cost was approximately \$1,800. It has not been installed yet. Within the next week or so he hopes to have it down.

Horse Trail-update

Mr. Steve Glaser came forward and had an update. He thanked the Board for having the first trails in Miami County. Last fall

**Citizens'  
Comments Not on  
the Agenda**  
Tipp Jr. Baseball

Honeycreek gave permission to put in trails on their 200 acres. Signage is to be put up soon. Mrs. Barbara Bailey has also given permission for some trails on her property. It is hoped that these new sections can be linked to the Kyle Park section in the future. That will give 6 hours of riding trails. The city's portion is getting used and not over-used. Mr. Glaser wanted to keep the City informed and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Hodges said it sounds like it has been a win-win situation for all. Mr. Asher said he has had good comments on the trails although they could be a bit longer. Mr. Glaser said participants have respected the situation when there has been flooding. Dr. English asked if Lost Creek Prairie connects. Mr. Asher said he thought there was a property in between.

Randy Myers from Tipp Jr. Baseball came forward. He passed out a list of suggested improvements that are being submitted by Jr. Baseball. The first was the walkway from the parking area to the quads. They would like to see that start at the handicapped parking area at the restroom/concession stand area to the east between Diamonds 9 & 10 and west towards Diamonds 7 & 8.

- 2) Coverings for each dugout on Fields 5-12
- 3) Permanent masonry dugouts for Fields 1-4; 8 dugouts at \$7,500
- 4) Outfield fences on Fields 9-12- 1280 feet of fence, 6' high for \$19,060
- 5) Pavement from the south garage door to the parking lot- There are 2 skids of brick that the mowers are mowing around.
- 6) Concession stand - \$125,000
- 7) Permanent shelters in each quad \$25,000 each x 3 quads

Mr. Asher said there has been discussion about some removable canvas shelters/sails being used. The cost is much lower and they would be removed for winter.

Mr. Hodges asked if there were any priorities on the list. Mr. Myers replied that the walkway is first and then covers for the dugouts. Mr. Hodges said the total comes to \$399,000 and the Board has \$25,000 per year. Mr. Myers said he hope the Board could find the money within a 100-year period. Mr. Myers said this is his wish list. Mr. Slagel asked about the grant being applied for, for the walkway. Mr. Asher said the walkpath is to be put in next year for \$75,000. Mr. Slagel said other cities have sponsors on their outfield fencing. Mr. Myers said all their teams are sponsored by businesses and some of the landscaping companies assist with the fertilizing, etc. He said he actively pursuing money for a light on the flagpole. Mr. Chitwood asked about any other monies to be used for 2014. Mr. Asher said there was not.

Mr. Cox asked when Jr. Baseball met. Mr. Myers said they meet

out of season-about every 3 months, then once a month starting in January. In March the work on the fields starts

**Bike Path Sign**

Mr. Hodges would like the city to apply for an ODOT grant to erect signage inviting bike riders to our downtown. He had read a recent article on what Xenia is doing. Mr. Asher said there is a nice sign up now that shows the downtown layout. Mr. Cox suggested contacting the Downtown Partnership. Mr. Hodges would like to attract 20-30 people more a week. Mr. Slagel thought it was a good idea. Mr. Asher suggested someone check with the downtown merchants to see how they would be interested in participating. Mr. Cox said there is a business downtown that rents bikes. Mr. Chitwood asked if City Council was the place to start.

**Mr. Slagel moved to forward the request to City Council for their consideration.** Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Board Member comments**

Mr. Asher asked Ms. Taylor if she heard from Warrior Soccer. He inquired on the number of teams. Ms. Taylor said they have been in contact with Mrs. Sonnanstine.

Mr. Slagel said they recently rented the roundhouse and it was very nice.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday, September 8, 2014. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm on a motion by Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Board Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Marilyn Fennell, Recording Secretary