

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO **September 8, 2014**

Roll Call

Chairman Slagel called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m. in the small conference room due to a City Council meeting in chambers.

Members in attendance included: Kevin Cox, Patrick Hodges, and Doug Slagel. Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp. Trustee), and Kathy Taylor (Tipp-Monroe Community Services) were also present. Reporter Nancy Bowman was present.

Guests in attendance were Chris Graham, Randy Myers- Jr. Baseball, and Sandy Utz-resident.

Excuse Board members' absence

Mr. Hodges **moved to excuse Mr. Chitwood and Mr. Woodruff's absences.** Mr. Slagel seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Minutes

July 14, 2014 Meeting

Mr. Slagel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Hodges **moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014.** Mr. Slagel seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business

Tweed Woods -- Play feature

Mr. Asher reported that the play feature that was shown at the last meeting has been requisitioned but as of this date did not have the purchase order. Mr. Hodges asked if that was different from the amount authorized by the Board for the merry-go-round and safety surfaces that was discussed back in March. Mr. Asher said this is a different item and this item is being purchased thru the subdivision money. The safety surface, mats under the swings were also purchased.

Board member arrived

Board member, Ben Woodruff arrived at this time (approx. 10 minutes into the meeting.)

Rosewood Creek Park

Mr. Asher said there was a letter received from some residents in Rosewood Creek regarding the addition of some play features. The park area is out at the entrance to the subdivision where some trees were planted in April. 4.2 acres are involved. Mrs. Utz added that some play equipment and possibly a picnic table and a bench was being requested. She said she has taken her children to the other neighborhood parks and they are fine but would appreciate something in her own neighborhood. Mr. Asher said it was nice that she came to the meeting as the Board has a "wish list" for equipment and needs. He said next year his budget would have more money for the subdivision parks. Dr. English verified that Mr. Asher did not have to have specific parks listed for his budget approval. There is a line item for neighborhood parks and the Parks Board decides where that money should be spent.

Mr. Hodges asked who did the survey that was sent to the Park Board. Mrs. Utz replied that Mary Sopko had done the survey and she was not sure how many residents she actually spoke to. Mr. Hodges said the residents should present a "wish list" to the Parks Board. Mrs. Utz thought the letter presented had that list on it. She thought the play equipment should be closer to the parking lot for safety concerns from the traffic on Peters Road and W. Kessler-Cowlesville. Mr. Asher said he has some catalogs that they could look through. Mr. Hodges added the neighborhood park budget is typically \$25,000 per year. Mrs. Utz said that would be helpful.

Mr. Cox asked about the question of money from the Homeowners' Association. Mr. Asher said Mr. Vath had provided that information. 5.5 acres was donated and then as each section is developed a park development fee is paid. Three sections have brought a total of \$10,898 to the costs at City Park and Kyle Park which all residents utilize. Dr. English affirmed that statement that the money goes to the whole system. Mrs. Utz appreciated that information. Mr. Asher gave Mrs. Utz his cell number so that she could pick up the catalogs.

Canal Lock
Information Board

Mr. Asher said there was discussion regarding an information board. He spoke with Heather Bailey and Liz Sonnanstine and the Miltenberger Fund (Tipp City Foundation) is for Canal Lock Park. There should be some monies that can be used for this sign. The Downtown Merchants can have the key to update the sign or even Community Services. Dr. English asked if this was for bike/pedestrian traffic. Mr. Asher said that was correct. He said they missed the deadline for the fall distribution of the grant money. Mrs. Sonnanstine (Tipp City Chamber of Commerce) was also doing some checking on what others might want to use the board for. The sign should be installed next year. Mr. Hodges said it should encourage visitors to walk up the hill and visit the downtown area. Dr. English said the Board meets quarterly and the meeting in December is the next one. Mr. Asher said he planned on that.

Kyle Park Exercise
Equipment Update

Mr. Asher said there was a little bit of money left over and he can purchase 3 pieces of exercise equipment. A requisition has been turned in, awaiting the purchase order. Mr. Woodruff asked what 3 pieces were being considered. Mr. Asher said he did not have his catalog with him. Mr. Hodges added they would be along the bike trail in Kyle Park. Mr. Asher said the equipment would be along the path from the Kyle Pavilion and towards the levee pond.

ORRC- 1 mile Dash

Chris Graham was requesting the use of Kyle Park for a run for the Ohio River Runners Club on June 30, 2015, a one-mile Dash-for-Cash, top prize \$15.00. They wanted to bring one of their races north of I-70. 85 people participated last year and the weather was not good.

The faster runners are lined up in the front. Mr. Graham said they would have two heats. Mr. Hodges said they would have the bike trail blocked for about 7-10 minutes. He said the Board has said before that they don't wish to close the bike path for any time. Mr. Graham said the bike path has never been closed when the riverside path was used, they allow bikes to pass on thru. Ms. Taylor said they have held up bicyclists during the Run for the Mums while there are people on the path. There will be signs made this year "to proceed with caution due to runners on the bike path". Mr. Graham said they will also use marshals on the course. Mr. Hodges asked how long the path would be used with the two heats. Mr. Graham said this race would be on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. The path could be shut down for 6.5 minutes in the first heat and then the second heat would be right after that.

Mr. Hodges moved to approve the run with the first heat closing the trail about 10 minutes. Mr. Myers said there would be baseball tournaments going on so there would need to be marshals at the roadway crossing. Mr. Slagel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

City Park-Play Structure

Mr. Asher reported that the rubber mulch should be spread this week. Ms. Taylor commented on the new equipment and that the playground groups really like the new equipment.

Dog Park-paver update

The pavers have been ordered from Snyder Concrete Products. The installation will be done by Peters Masonry. It may be late October before they can do that. Mr. Asher said the walk will be 60' long and 8' wide. Mr. Hodges thought the pavers should be advertised in the *Tippecanews* in November. Mr. Asher wants to use Alex Industries for the engraving.

Other Business

Disc Golf Donation

Ms. Taylor said the money came from Tony Waterfall which was sent in January. This was to help sponsor a sign by a tee. Mr. Vath was informed of this use. Mr. Vath has said the City has a rule regarding advertising in the parks and Mr. Hale was advised to speak to Mr. Vath or Mr. Asher. Dr. English said a single board sign had been set up at the Dog Park for donations.

Citizens'

Comments Not on the Agenda

Tipp Jr. Baseball

Randy Myers said he would like to coordinate removal of equipment boxes when the digging happens at the dog park. Ms. Taylor asked where the boxes were being removed to. Mr. Myers said they need repaired and the JVS in Piqua is going to do the welding repairs. The ones that need repaired need to be placed on skids so they can be put on a trailer when available. Mr. Asher said they could be loaded by his crews if they can notify him. The weeds need to be cleared around the batting cages. That can be done Mr. Asher said. Mr. Myers asked about the walkway status. Mr. Asher said he had not seen anything recently. The money has

been sent aside. Mr. Vath should be the one to ask that question of. Mr. Myers said 4 portable mounds will be moved and all the bases will be installed in the garage area. The weed control will be put down by Green Tech soon on all the sports fields in Kyle Park.

Mr. Slagel asked about the condition of the soccer fields where the sewer lines were recently put down. Mr. Asher said Mrs. Butera had been notified and she has notified the company involved. Mr. Hodges asked that this be put on agenda for next time. The seeding needs to be redone or something.

**Board Member
comments**

Mr. Cox asked if there any signs around the parks with a number to call if someone sees something wrong. Mr. Asher said it is recommended to call 9-1-1, especially after hours. Ms. Taylor said no dispatching is done from the Tipp station so the 9-1-1 Center needs to be called. Mr. Slagel brought up his concern that he has discussed before regarding the need for a retired police officer or someone with similar background to serve as a park ranger for the City parks. Ms. Taylor said it would help with persons doing unauthorized activities, lessons, etc. Mr. Asher said there is still an issue with parking especially with parking at the current soccer games. He is meeting with someone from soccer. Ms. Taylor said there is also a parking problem at the baseball fields. Mr. Myer said he has taken it upon himself to rope off where the golf tee place is located.

Mr. Hodges asked if more parking spaces could be added where the dog Frisbee has taken place. Mr. Asher said he would need a cost and it could be sent to City Council. Mr. Myers said it would help near the outfield of Field #6.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2014. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm on a motion by Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and unanimously approved.

APPROVED:


Board Chairman

ATTEST:


Marilyn Fennell, Recording Secretary