

**TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO      January 12, 2015**

**Roll Call**

Chairman Slagel called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance included: Doug Slagel, Ben Woodruff, Kevin Cox, and Doug Chitwood. Mackenzie English (Monroe Twp. ~~Trustee~~ <sup>Representative</sup>), Carla Frame (Board of Education), and Kathy Taylor (Tipp-Monroe Community Services) were also present. Reporter Carla Ungerrecht (Tipp Gazette), Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp.) and JJ Slanker (Canal Music Fest) were also in attendance.

**Election of  
Chairman & Vice  
Chairman**

Mr. Cox **motioned to elect Mr. Slagel as Chairman.** Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. Mr. Slagel **motioned to elect Mr. Chitwood as Vice Chairman.** Mr. Cox seconded the motion. **Motions passed 4-0.**

**Election of  
Secretary**

Mr. Slagel **motioned to elect Mr. Woodruff as Secretary.** Mr. Cox seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**Approval of  
Minutes –  
November 10,  
2014**

Mr. Slagel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting as written.** Mr. Cox seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**New Business  
Kyle Park Horse  
Trails**

Mr. Asher reported that it has been brought to the city's attention that riders have been riding in the Eichman Prairie. This has been an issue in the past. Not sure if it is the same people riding in this area or if it is different individuals. The water department is in charge of the area and Kevin Price stated that there is some money in the budget available to purchase additional signage for the area. Currently, there is one sign where there is an opening in the woods that riders can go through if they wanted. The additional signs will be situated along the border and will define a clear boundary between Kyle Park and the Eichman Prairie. It is projected that 4 or 5 additional signs will be purchased.

Mr. Slagel followed up by asking if it is possible to have a representative from the horse organization come to a future meeting. Mr. Asher stated that we need to contact the group anyway due to an issue with the connector. The goal this winter was to connect the Kyle Park trail to the Miami County trail along the river. There has been some guidelines and restrictions that have come to light recently that has prohibited this from

occurring. The state is going to complete an inspection of the land. This should happen sometime during the spring. Christy Butera is going to look into the inspection and contact the state.

Mr. Slagel stated that this issue was a concern of his at the very beginning of the process. Also, the horse organization had assured the city that this would not be a problem during the initial vote for the horse trail.

**Canal Music  
Festival in the  
Park - JJ Slanker**

JJ Slanker was not at the meeting at this point, so Kathy Taylor went ahead and discussed the matter. The event is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at City Park. The band Almost Queen is slated to perform and a large crowd is anticipated. Tipp City Partnership will be selling alcohol during the event. Community Services will make sure that all the proper paperwork is completed and that barriers will be erected around the park. Their needs are the same as last year. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the Canal Music Festival for June 13, 2015**. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0**.

**Tweedwoods Park  
Play Feature**

The new play feature was installed, including the tough timbers border and the pea gravel. The rubber mulch is here, but the weather turned bad before it could be put into place. Hopefully this week the rubber mulch will be completed. So far the play feature has been used like crazy.

**Old Business  
Rosewood Creek  
Neighborhood  
Requests**

Mr. Asher has not heard anything further from the group. Everyone should already have a list of the requests. At this point, Mr. Asher feels that the Parks Board needs to start thinking about the subdivision parks projects for the year. Rosewood Creek should probably be moved to the top of the list since they have shown a need for some equipment.

Mr. Slagel verified that this is part of the \$25,000 allotted for neighborhood projects. Mr. Asher confirmed that it was and that at the next meeting the board can begin thinking about what should be placed in Rosewood Creek. The entire \$25,000 doesn't have to go to one area. It can be used for several different projects.

Mr. Chitwood asked if there had been any suggestions or ideas already. Mr. Asher explained that the neighborhood already provided a list of items that they would like to see installed.

Kathy Taylor questioned whether any other area parks would be affected by this project. Mr. Asher answered that other projects have been caught up and most of the safety surfaces are

completed. Most of the subdivision parks are up-to-date and don't need a lot of high dollar work done. Many of the projects are small in nature. It is nice to have that amount of money to use on an area like Rosewood Creek that at present time doesn't have a lot of equipment.

Further, Kathy Taylor questioned Mr. Asher about adding pads at the disc golf course. Per Mr. Asher, discussions have not taken place regarding adding the pads and he is not sure that there is a need for them to be added this year. If a need is shown, pads can certainly be added. Mr. Slagel requested to have pricing for the pads and an idea of how many would be needed. Mr. Asher stated that he had pricing for rubber pads and that 18 would be needed. Concrete pads are available, but they would be difficult to mow and trim around. Rubber pads would be tried first before moving to the concrete option. The pads do need to be level to the ground to prevent people from falling off the pad when they are running. Other issues with the concrete include areas of the course that take on water and some areas are difficult to get to with equipment to pour concrete.

#### **Other Business**

Just this week, Mr. Asher received a letter from the Miltenberger Fund from the Tipp City Area Community Foundation. Included was a check for \$2,388. This will be used to purchase a bike rack, table and grill for Canal Lock Park.

Mr. Cox made the suggestion to look into creating a Facebook page for the Parks Advisory Board. The page could update the community on projects and happenings at the area parks. People could also provide feedback through the page. Miami County Parks have a Facebook and Instagram page. It could be a free way to advertise, not so much events, but just what is occurring and what is available to the community. Everyone seemed to like the idea.

Mr. Slagel reported that he is still working on the park ranger. He is currently taking everything from Sidney and changing a few things, making the information pretty generic – no wages or specifics. Hopefully, by March he will have everything completed and then in May coming up with something that can be presented to City Council. He did meet with the City Manager. The City Manager did agree with him on certain things, such as no parking on the grass. It might be time to send the police and start writing tickets. This could be a way to fund a park ranger.

Mr. Slagel also asked Carla Frame from the Tipp City Board of Education about a rumor that has been circulating. Rumor has it that after Broadway Elementary is torn down the land would be given to the city in exchange for the football stadium. The Broadway Elementary land could then be used to create a park.

**Citizen Comments  
on Items Not on  
the Agenda**

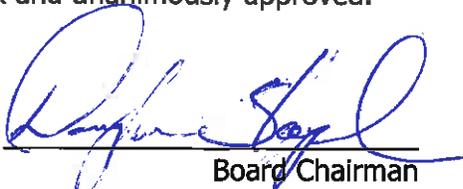
Carla stated that this was news to her and that right now a lot of different rumors are spreading. Most of which don't have a lot of merit. The most recent idea from the school was a quick architectural sketch of adding something right next to the high school. Nothing has been decided.

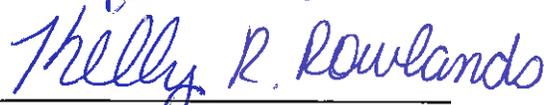
Dr. Martin English (Monroe Township Trustee) announced that after 22 years of serving in some capacity with the Parks Advisory Board he is stepping down. The Monroe Township Trustees have appointed Mackenzie English to fill the position for 2015. He has degrees in Geology, Archaeology, Biology, and Science Education and is currently employed as an educator at the Boonshoft Museum. Mackenzie grew up in Tipp City and is very familiar with the parks.

Mr. Slagel thanked Dr. English for his years of service.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2015. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm on a motion by Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously approved.

APPROVED:   
Board Chairman

ATTEST:   
Kelly Rowlands, Recording Secretary