

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO November 10, 2014

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: Kevin Cox, Doug Chitwood, Patrick Hodges, Doug Slagel and Ben Woodruff. 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 Todd Niswonger, Mark Sopko, Sandy Utt, and Randy Myers.

Minutes
September 8, 2014
Meeting

Mr. Slagel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014**. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1. Mr. Chitwood abstained.

New Business
Ash Tree Removal

Mr. Asher reported a few large, dangerous ash trees have been removed. The ones in City Park were done before Mum Festival and there are still trees to be removed from along the bikepath. He reported the Tree Crew is trying to balance line clearing and this ash removal. The trees in Hathaway Park will be removed soon. He wanted the Park Board members to be aware if they noticed trees were being removed. Mr. Hodge asked how many ash trees have been removed. Mr. Asher said including some curb lawn ash, the total is close to 80 trees out of the 300 that are out there. The curb lawn trees will be replaced as they are removed, based on spacing and utility locations. In the park, there are 1 or 2 trees planted for replacement of each removed tree. Mr. Chitwood asked about the stump removal. Along the bike trail, the stumps will not be removed. The stumps in the parks will be removed.

Nature Center-barn
roof

Mr. Asher reported that the roof was replaced by Schaefer and Co. on the white barn roof. That was completed about 1 month ago.

Kyle Park Baseball
Parking

Mr. Asher said after the last meeting he did some research on parking that could be added at the Kyle Park. He had a rough estimate on putting those spaces in. He showed them on the map of Kyle Park the different areas that could be added. The costs were listed in the staff report. Mr. Hodges asked Mr. Myers what area would be best for Jr. Baseball. The area would be on the north side. The flag pole area is used a lot during the tournaments. Mr. Asher said this paving could be added to the 10-year plan. For now the overflow parking will be in the grass area.

Old Business

Kyle Park Exercise Equipment

Kyle Park Exercise Equipment- Mr. Asher reported that 3 pieces have been received and assembled. They will be installed this spring. The three pieces are a push-up/row machine, a chin-up machine, and ab crunch machine. It thought it would be better that they don't set out all winter. They should be set up near the bike path. Mr. Hodges thought 18 had been discussed and he recommended they be about 25 yards apart. He thought they were a good start to the project.

Rosewood Creek Park

Mrs. Sopko came forward and said there are a lot of young families in the development. Mrs. Utt said they looked through the catalogs provided and came up with a list of possible equipment for this park. They asked what else they needed to do. Mr. Asher said there are annual monies for the development parks. At the January meeting, there will be discussion on how those monies could be spent. Mr. Hodges asked how many persons were surveyed for these wants/needs. Mrs. Sopko said she surveyed about 1/3 of the neighbors (approx. 50 properties). Mr. Slagel said there will be discussion in January and the decisions should be finalized until March. The Board thanked the citizens for their suggestions and will take them under advisement.

Dog Park Pavers

Mr. Asher said the pavers have been installed and he thought they looked nice. There needs to be a decision made on how the memorial pavers will be sold/engraved, etc. A fee will need to be determined and how often they will be ordered. There had been talk to use a local engraver. Mr. Hodges thought the pavers looked good but thought they were smaller than the veterans' pavers. Mr. Asher said the pavers are all the same size, 6" x 6". He asked if they wanted to do just dogs or any kind of pet. The Board agreed that it should be any pet. Mr. Hodges asked if it would be advertised in the *Tippecanews*. Mr. Asher said that could be done. There was discussion on what could go on the pavers. Mr. Asher said he would contact the engraver and see what they recommend and what will be charged per line for the size paver it is. Mr. Asher said he will have more information in January.

Safety Surface in Windmere Park

Rubber mulch has been installed under the play feature in Windmere Park. Two of the swing pads have been installed and are awaiting two more. Mr. Slagel asked about any other requests of safety surface in the other parks. Mr. Asher replied that it has been installed in Hathaway, Woodlawn, Windmere and Hampton Woods. There are some smaller pieces that could use safety surface.

Lesher Woods Biketrail

Mr. Asher said a grant has been received for a walkway thru Lesher Woods that would benefit the high school students. There was a grant received also for the path in Kyle Park. Mr. Slagel

Other Business

Veterans' Memorial
Park

asked when that should be completed. Mr. Asher thought next summer.

Mr. Asher informed the Board that the newest pavers have been installed for 2014. There will be a ceremony at 10am at the Memorial hosted by the Masonic Lodge. The park has been cleaned up and the flags are up.

Kyle Park-Tree
Planting

Kyle Park has been planted with 34 new trees. 20 were planted at the entrance way. Mr. Slagel asked about the turf where the sewer line was installed. Mr. Asher said Mrs. Butera said the soccer group aerated last week, some top soil was put in and it should be fertilized next week. The Warrior Classic tournament was held and it was totally packed. They had a huge crowd. Tipp Youth Soccer stayed off the area this season. It should be overseeded next spring.

**Citizens'
Comments Not on
the Agenda**

Tipp Youth Soccer

Todd Niswonger came forward for Tipp City Youth Soccer. This group wants to develop more of a relationship with the Parks Advisory Board. They want to enhance the playing surface. Field 7 was not used this year, as it has a gully in it and was cracked up. Mr. Hodges asked if it was playable now or not. Mr. Niswonger said it was not. It needs to be addressed by the contractor. Mr. Asher said Mrs. Butera is aware of the problem. A copy of a proposal from the Mercer Group was distributed regarding, seeding/overseeding the site. TCYS would like to solicit corporate sponsorship for this. They want to take some ownership for their fields. Mr. Hodges said budgets are discussed in January and March. Mr. Asher said there is money to do fertilizing this fall as that amount was kicked up a bit. The City also does core aeration in the fall. The grass is presently clumpy. Mr. Asher said most of it is fescue grass and if it would be overseeded with bluegrass it might improve it. He also commented for good turf, you need water and that is not available. Mr. Slagel asked TCYS to come up with funds to fertilize in the spring, the weed control is down twice by the City.

The ball fields will be aerated this week. Mr. Slagel said discussion will continue in January and March.

Tipp Jr. Baseball

Randy Myers, Tipp Jr. Baseball came forward and had some photos for the Board to look at. The large pile of dirt has been reduced considerably on the south. The south side of the batting cages have been cleared of weeds and now there is a place to put drags. He wished to thank Bart Repogle for his time and effort. The south side of the garage has clay pavers. Skids are on top of the tarps and there will be tarp on the small pile of dirt. The chunks of concrete will be used to hold the tarp down. The skids will be used to elevate the equipment bags. The area around the batting cages is to be cleaned up next. His goal off-season is to

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look for a Pepsi trailer for a concession stand in the far quad. Fields 1-4 would be serviced. He would like to use the gravel area on the south side of the batting cages. He would like to store the stand in that area during the winter months. Regarding the handicapped walkway from the garage to the quads to the east and west, he was told it is in the works. Bids are to be received in the spring.

He was unsure of what is to be included in the bid and was not sure if it included grass seed. He asked Mr. Asher if all the grass seed that he had given to the Parks Dept. has been used. Mr. Asher said he had just a little left. Mr. Myers said he has another bag he will get to Mr. Asher.

He had some comments on the pavers for the Dog Park. Ms. Taylor said they are getting calls as to when Jr. Baseball registration is going to take place. Mr. Myers said it will be January thru the beginning of February.

Mr. Cox asked about the sign to be posted in Canal Lock Park directing persons to the downtown area. Mr. Asher thought an application was going to be made to the Tipp Foundation to help fund that sign. The Downtown Merchants are going to head up that project. He added the Miltenberger Fund is for the parks. He is submitting a request for funds for Canal Lock Park for two nice tables.

Mr. Hodges thought a bike rack should be added to the request. Mr. Asher thought he could add that to his request.

Mr. Hodges said he shared an article regarding a smoke-free policy for public parks. Ms. Taylor said coaches and parents are encouraged not to smoke in front of any of the young people. There was a question regarding who would enforce it. Some thought the parents would. Mr. Asher pointed it out that there have been discussions regarding having an officer/park ranger patrolling the parks. Mr. Slagel suggested the Board recommend to City Council that they need to look hard at providing a park ranger, maybe starting on the weekends. He asked Mr. Asher to check with the Law Director on this matter.

Mr. Hodges also showed a copy of an article for FootGolf.

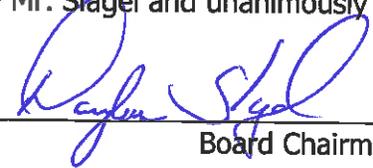
The horse trail in Honey Creek was opened up last week. The connector should be opened between Kyle Park and Honey Creek should be started this spring.

Mr. Cox asked if a lot of trees have to be cleared for the Leshar Woods walkpath. Mr. Asher said there is a lot of underbrush, honeysuckle and some trees that will need removed. There will be

Adjournment

a crosswalk at W. Kessler-Cowlesville Rd. Ms. Taylor expressed a concern about sending a young person thru that woods when it might be dark on the way to/from school.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2015. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm on a motion by Mr. Hodges, seconded by Mr. Slagel and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: 
Board Chairman

ATTEST: 
Kelly Rowlands, Recording Secretary

