

**TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO      March 9, 2015**

**Roll Call**

Chairman Slagel called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:01 p.m. Members in attendance included: Doug Slagel, Ben Woodruff, and Doug Chitwood. Mackenzie English (Monroe Twp. Representative), Kathy Taylor (Tipp-Monroe Community Services), Jim Asher (City of Tipp City) and Board Secretary Kelly Rowlands were also present. Todd Niswonger (Tipp City Soccer), Nate Bednar (Southern Ohio Flying K9's), Ron & Amy Sheranko (The Bridge), Reporter Carla Ungerrecht (Tipp Gazette), Janet Bowling (Tipp City United Methodist Church), Steve Glaser (Miami County Equine Initiatives Task Force) and Flora Rectenwald (Miami County Equine Initiatives Task Force) were also in attendance.

Mr. Slagel **moved to excuse Mr. Hodges and Mr. Cox.** Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**Approval of  
Minutes – January  
12, 2015**

Mr. Slagel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. One correction to the minutes – Mackenzie English had been listed as a Monroe Twp. Trustee instead of a Monroe Twp. Representative. Change was made on the minutes. Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting with the aforementioned change.** Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**New Business  
Southern Ohio  
Flying K9's**

Mr. Nate Bednar was in attendance and requested permission for the Southern Ohio Flying K9's to once again use Kyle Park for the group's upcoming frisbee dog competition. The dates of the event are Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The area that has been used in the past is the open space south of the baseball fields. Set up occurs on Friday afternoon/evening and then the competition runs from 8am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday. The group is requesting that the restrooms be open and available for the use of attendees. Also, trash cans have been provided by the City of Tipp City in previous years. Other than that the group is self-sufficient. Competitors have always enjoyed coming to Tipp City and are looking forward to another great year. Kathy Taylor (Tipp Monroe Community Services) explained that, once approved by the Parks Advisory Board, Mr. Bednar would need to fill out some paperwork prior to the event.

**Tipp City United  
Methodist Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Community  
Festival**

Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the Southern Ohio Flying K9's frisbee dog competition for May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.** Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Ms. Janet Bowling, the events chair for Tipp City United Methodist Church, was in attendance and seeking approval to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Festival in the City Park on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Festival includes a full worship service held at 10:30am in the Park followed by free food and fun for the families afterward. Public is invited and encouraged to attend. In the past 400-450 people have attended this event. All events and food are free. The Roundhouse has already been reserved for this date through Janice Bates in the City Manager's office. Parking is on the grassy area on the other side of the field and attendees are transported using golf carts. During the transportation process the carts stay on the sidewalk. Kathy Taylor (Tipp Monroe Community Services) explained that, once approved by the Parks Advisory Board, Ms. Bowling would need to fill out some paperwork prior to the event.

Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the Tipp City United Methodist Church 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Festival for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**Old Business  
Rosewood Creek  
Neighborhood  
Requests**

Mr. Asher stated that there has been a range of items requested. The list includes a range of prices. Mr. Asher is looking for some suggestions from the Parks Advisory Board as to what items they think should be included in the park. Mr. Woodruff suggested swings and slides for the many younger to middle age range of children that live in the neighborhood. Mr. Asher followed up by saying that the neighborhood is focusing more on the younger children.

Mr. Slagel asked for confirmation that the money for this project would be coming out of the \$25,000 that is available this year. Mr. Asher confirmed that yes the money would be from the \$25,000, but cautioned that he did not want to use it all for the Rosewood Creek Neighborhood. There are a few other safety issues that need to be addressed and some money would be needed for those projects. Mr. Asher is thinking that \$15,000-\$20,000 would be suitable for Rosewood Creek.

For the next meeting Mr. Asher is going to come up with a list of items and pricing for those items. Mr. Chitwood mentioned

## **Kyle Park Horse Trails**

adding a trash can and some benches to the area. So the list will include pricing on a play feature, swings, benches and trash cans.

Mr. Steve Glaser from the Miami County Equine Initiatives Task Force was in attendance and spoke to the Parks Advisory Board. He wanted to clarify that the individual that has been riding through the Eichman Prairie is not a part of their group. Mr. Glaser has been in touch with the Horse Council members and informed them to stay on the trails and away from the prairies. He did state that there are areas that could be confusing and where a wrong turn could easily be made. Additional signage would be useful in alleviating this issue.

Mr. Slagel asked if Mr. Glaser was aware of the issues with the connector and that it could be another year before it is completed. Mr. Glaser did state that he knew it was on hold for now. As of right now, Mr. Asher does not have a contact person for the EPA. He is working on that and would like to talk to them about the horse trail. More specifically, how long it is going to take to get approval for the connector and adding a hiking trail to the area. Permission was already granted in the beginning, but there has been a few issues since that time.

Mr. Slagel did explain that the group has done a good job so far in keeping the area in good shape, but he did have concerns 4 years ago when this issue was first voted on by the Parks Advisory Board. Mr. Slagel further explained that the group would continue to be watched.

Mr. Asher discussed that more signs are definitely needed, especially in the area of 571 and at Kyle Park. In the beginning, everyone agreed that as few signs as possible should be used, so to not litter the landscape with signage. Now it is apparent that more signs are needed to keep people out of restricted areas. Mr. Asher is thinking that 6-8 more signs are needed. Money is available in the Kyle Park fund or the Water Department has even expressed that money from their department could be used to purchase signs. Mr. Glaser expressed the possibility of the Horse Council paying for a portion of the additional signage.

## **Park Ranger**

Mr. Slagel has been working on a proposal for a Park Ranger/Supervisor to help out at the parks on evenings and weekends. The position would be utilized April to November. Kathy Taylor (Tipp Monroe Community Services) and Jim Asher have both already received numerous requests from individuals from out of the area that are looking to utilize the fields for different events. So a Park Ranger/Supervisor is something that would definitely be useful. Mr. Slagel wants to work with the City Council to get this position added either this year or next year. Mr. Asher emphasized that it is still not determined whether this

position would be a part of the police or parks department. Either way it would be something that would have to be added to the 2016 budget. Mr. Slagel stated that he has it proposed to be a part of the parks department.

Mr. Slagel **moved to send the Park Ranger/Supervisor proposal to City Council to be considered for the 2016 budget.** Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Asher informed the Parks Advisory Board that the picnic table and bike rack have been delivered for Canal Lock Park. The grill is not here yet. All the items will be installed later this Spring.

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

Mr. Ron Sheranko with The Bridge at Broadway was in attendance and requested permission to use City Park for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The event has been held for multiple years. Mr. Asher stated that the Eagles usually have an Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park, but it is typically on Easter Sunday. Kathy Taylor (Tipp Monroe Community Services) explained that the group would need to fill out paperwork once the event was approved by the Parks Advisory Board.

Mr. Slagel **moved to approve The Bridge at Broadway Easter Egg Hunt for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.** Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Mr. Todd Niswonger with Tipp City Soccer was in attendance and wanted to discuss the soccer fields at Kyle Park. The Parks Department did get a small increase in their budget for turf maintenance. This increase will allow the fields to be fertilized twice instead of just once as in the past. This should help the turf quite a bit. Youth soccer has bought seed in the past and the city has sown the seed. Mr. Asher urged everyone to be careful not to spray anything like weed control or pesticide. The first fertilizer treatment is scheduled for about 3 weeks from now, weather permitting.

Mr. Asher was scheduled to meet with Danis today, but it had to be rescheduled. Danis is the company that cut through the soccer fields. They are planning on coming back and re-seeding and top dress the area that was damaged. If seed is available from the soccer group, the city can seed this Spring. That is when they typically seed.

#### **Comments of Park Advisory Members**

Mr. Slagel asked Kathy Taylor about the New Path run. The dates of the run have been changed.

Kathy Taylor informed the group that the Miami County CVB has approached her about what facilities are available in each of the

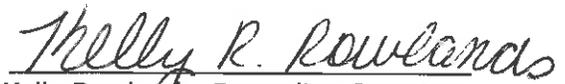
cities. The CVB is trying to maintain an inventory of what is available and how many fields each city has for events. This will allow them to approach large groups about coming to Miami County for their events.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Chitwood asked about the handicap access being added to Kyle Park. Mr. Asher answered that yes this is something that will be happening soon. It will be this year, but after baseball season. Probably in the August to September timeframe.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 11, 2015. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm on a motion by Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mr. Chitwood and unanimously approved.

APPROVED:   
Board Chairman

ATTEST:   
Kelly Rowlands, Recording Secretary