

**TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO** **March 14, 2016**

**Roll Call**

Chairman Chitwood called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Chitwood welcomed Linda Michalak as new Board Secretary. Members in attendance included: Doug Chitwood, Kevin Cox, Patrick Hodges, and Ben Woodruff. Kathy Taylor (Tipp-Monroe Community Services), Mackenzie English (Monroe Township Representative), Carla Frame (Board of Education Representative), Jim Asher (City of Tipp City), Kelly Rowlands (City of Tipp City), and Board Secretary Linda Michalak were also present. Nancy Bowman (Dayton Daily News) was also in attendance.

**Mr. Hodges moved to excuse Mr. Slagel.** Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**Approval of  
Minutes –  
January 11, 2016**

**Mr. Hodges moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016, meeting as written.** Mr. Cox seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**New Business  
City Park and  
Kyle Park 2016  
Projects**

Mr. Asher stated that redoing the other stone fireplace in City Park is a 2016 park project. He needs to get a price. Regarding the additional 2-3 pieces of playground equipment, Mr. Asher is still searching for the perfect ones to blend in. He does not have a price on those yet, but this will be one of the summer projects that will be done in Kyle Park.

Mr. Hodges had a question about the fireplace that was already rebuilt. He inquired if this was the project that had cost \$4000, which it was. He asked if the second stone fireplace was in better shape. Mr. Asher stated that it is missing a few pieces, but some of the stone that we had from before has been saved; he thinks we will be able to supply enough stone to have it built to match. He is hopeful that it will not cost more than \$4000.

**2016  
Neighborhood  
Park Projects**

Mr. Asher stated that the swing sets and swing pads for Rosewood Creek Park have come in. He has marked where they will be placed. When there are a few days of good weather, he will get the swing sets and pads installed.

The other project is Canal Lock Park. Mr. Asher has received a price on decorative fencing. Hopefully this will happen this summer. The fence will be placed along the edge of the lock in Canal Lock Park. It will be an ornamental style black fence. This will help for safety and will also be attractive.

Mr. Hodges questioned where exactly the fence will be placed. Mr. Asher responded that it will be on both sides, but it hasn't been decided exactly how to do the south end yet. It will go all the way down the north-south sides of the lock. Mr. Asher stated that it will be brought out to the side on the south end, following the stone that is there.

Mr. Hodges asked if people would be able to get inside the fence. Mr. Asher responded that if they want to, they will still be able to. There was a discussion regarding the safety factor of being able to go into the lock. Mr. Asher said that at one time the idea of adding steps was talked about. If this were to be done, gravel would have to be put in the bottom. When discussed in the past, it was brought to Mr. Asher's attention that the original wooden floor could possibly be down in there somewhere. It was decided at that point to leave things alone.

Mr. Hodges was concerned about the safety of this lock. He wanted to know if the Board wanted to consider making it so a person could not get down in the lock. He wondered if the decorative fencing could go all the way around. Mr. Asher thought that would be a good idea. The bottom of the lock gets very wet and could be unsafe. Children tend to get close to the edge, which could also be dangerous.

Mr. Asher stated that the main purpose of putting up a fence would be to keep someone from falling in and getting hurt.

Mr. Hodges asked what would need to be done in order to go forward with the idea. Mr. Asher will get an updated price that will include enclosing the front with a gate.

**Mr. Hodges made a motion to close the entire lock at Canal Lock Park with a fence. Mr. Chitwood seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

Mr. Cox asked if a sign could be added to the fence, describing Canal Lock and the number. It was mentioned that the historic sign is already there. Ms. Taylor thought that having a lock number on it would be interesting. Mr. Asher said he would look into having a sign made that would be fitting. Ms. Taylor asked how tall the fence would be. Mr. Asher replied that the fence could be 4 or 5 feet tall. It would be made of steel and would look like wrought iron fencing. Ms. Taylor asked questions about the wood

floor. Mr. Asher stated that it has never been found. He said that he has dug down a little bit. He also stated that it could be rotted away by now.

**Old Business**  
**Kyle Park Dog  
Park Shelter**

Mr. Asher stated this was delivered last fall. When the weather is more cooperative, four holes will be augured and posts will be set in concrete. Then the shelter will be in place. This should be done in the next few weeks.

**Other Business**  
**Mosquito Fogging**

Mr. Asher stated that the situation is different this year due to the Zika virus. He has gotten a price on fogging the entire city, including the parks system. This should be done three times, paced about 10 days apart, in order to get the best coverage. Mr. Asher does not have a purchase order yet, but this will be handled shortly. Mr. Hodges agreed that this is a good thing for us to do, if it can be approved in the budget.

Mr. Hodges asked when the last time fogging was done in Tipp City. Mr. Asher said that it has been a few years, two to three years at least. He said that people have been treating themselves with their choice of mosquito repellent. Mr. Asher thinks that it will now be important to have the City be more involved, and he has seen mosquitos already. Mr. Hodges asked when the process will start. Mr. Asher replied that once the weather gets really warm, fogging usually starts. This year, he believes it should start earlier. Once mosquitos are noticed, the process will be started.

Ms. Taylor asked if three treatments will take care of the problem. Mr. Asher replied that it will not take care of all of them; that is impossible to do. He said that the goal is to get the ones that are alive, the ones that are getting ready to hatch, and any remaining mosquitos. This will cut the mosquito population substantially. Mr. Asher stated that if there is a lot of rain and a lot of heat, there will be more mosquitos. If the summer is dry, they are not nearly as bad.

Ms. Taylor asked if Hyatt would be fogged. Mr. Asher replied that all streets would be fogged. Ms. Taylor asked about getting behind the houses. Mr. Asher stated that the fogging is supposed to cover a quarter of a mile.

Mr. Asher stated that in the 1970s when fogging took place, there used to be a huge cloud. It is not that way anymore. There is no longer a huge cloud of smoke. It is supposed to spread a quarter of a mile.

Ms. Taylor asked if it would hurt people if they were out. Mr. Asher said some people are very sensitive. If they do not want fogging done at their house, the City will be able to skip their property. There will be a list of those who do not want spraying done.

Mr. Asher stated that there will be an announcement in the newspaper to let people know that mosquito spraying will be done and on what dates.

Mr. Asher stated that the crews will drive through Kyle Park and City Park down to the pool parking lot to spray.

Mr. Hodges asked if the route would be publicized ahead of time. Mr. Asher replied that we will state that the entire city will be sprayed and on what dates.

### **Strawberry Soccer Tournament**

Mr. Asher received a notice that the Strawberry Soccer Tournament will be held May 20-22, 2016, in Kyle Park. They will be coordinating with Ms. Taylor. She stated that they will use as many fields as we have available. There will be over 100 games. She thinks they will want 11 fields. Ms. Rowlands reiterated that the email simply stated that they want "use of the soccer fields," without a number of fields requested. Ms. Taylor will get a game schedule.

Mr. Hodges asked if we charge for the fields, and Ms. Taylor said yes. Ms. Taylor stated that they will be working with Tipp City Select. They will get a percentage like they have in the past.

Mr. Asher hopes the weather will cooperate. He stated that we dormant seeded in the fall, and that seed will start coming up in mid-May.

### **Winter Projects**

Mr. Asher discussed that one of the winter projects was removing the chain link fence at Windmere Park. Some was missing; some was damaged. The entire fence was taken down on the south side, and it looks much better. There is now a project to clean the detention area, as storm water goes there and collects. There is a high school group that is interested in doing a project, and this might be something they could do.

Ms. Taylor asked if there is any worry about children playing in that. Mr. Asher said that they do, but he has never really seen it hold water. It runs through a trough.

**Park Pavers**

Mr. Chitwood updated the Board regarding the workshop he attended with Council. Park pavers will be priced at \$20 per paver. There was also a presentation on irrigation to the fields. It was felt that soccer probably needs irrigation as opposed to baseball fields. They are still making a decision on what to do with that, but he feels it could be quite a bit less money for the City to irrigate just the soccer fields, to start with at least. He felt the meeting was a good one.

**Eagle Scout  
Monarch Butterfly  
Project**

Mr. Chitwood discussed that there is a young man who would like to do an Eagle Scout project. Mr. Chitwood gave the young man Mr. Asher's name and phone number. He is interested in the Monarch butterfly/milkweed project. Mr. Asher told Mr. Chitwood that after this was brought to his attention, he found a lot of pods in Kyle Park just to the east of the driving range. Mr. Asher also saw some butterflies over there.

The scout should be contacting Mr. Asher shortly, and Mr. Chitwood will pass the information about the butterflies on to the young man.

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

There were no citizen comments.

**Comments of Park  
Advisory Members**

Mr. Chitwood asked Mr. Asher if he is looking for any ideas for projects from the Board. Mr. Asher stated that he is always open to ideas. He stated that most of the subdivision parks are set, and Rosewood Creek is in progress with a piece of playground equipment and a swing set. There may also be a half basketball court for Rosewood Creek in the future. Mr. Asher stated that the year 2016-17 is pretty open at this point for projects for subdivision parks.

Mr. Hodges had a question regarding irrigation. Since the meeting that the City Council had with the Parks Board members, has there been any additional discussion regarding looking at different types of irrigation? Mr. Asher said that they have not made a final decision, or at least he has not been informed of any. He believes they are leaning towards maybe digging a well to start out and maybe irrigation on four of the bigger soccer fields. Mr. Asher has not heard anything final yet. Mr. Hodges inquired if Mr. Asher thinks they will be doing it in stages, and Mr. Asher believes so for budget reasons.

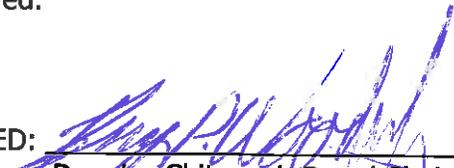
Mr. Chitwood stated that they have looked into the portable option. They had it broken down for pricing. They did have the portable, retractable unit that could creep across the field. Mr. Asher stated that there are several different options. Mr. Asher stated that water is an issue. Putting well water on the fields is better than putting chlorinated water. Mr. Hodges stated that "we all agree that water is important. We don't want to lose the fields." Mr. Asher said that what we are doing right now is going to start helping. The program was not done for five years, and it was really needed. Every year the fields got a little bit worse. Now we will start to treat them a couple of times a year. Seeding has been done. Aerating will be done. The program is getting better. After a couple of years it will start to be very noticeable. Hopefully this year it will be noticeable as well.

Mr. Hodges had a comment about dog pavers. Now that the cost of the pavers has been determined, he wanted to know if that will appear somewhere. Ms. Rowlands said that it will go into the Tippecanews that goes in the utilities bill. It will also be sent to the papers. Mr. Hodges says he has had a lot of people ask him about this.

### Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2016. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Chitwood, seconded by Mr. Cox and Mr. Woodruff, and unanimously approved.

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

  
Douglas Chitwood, Board Chairman

  
Ben Woodruff, Board Vice Chairman

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

  
Linda Michalak, Recording Secretary