

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO **May 9, 2016**

Roll Call

Vice Chairman Woodruff called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance included: Ben Woodruff, Kevin Cox, and Doug Slagel. Jim Asher (City of Tipp City) and Board Secretary Linda Michalak were also present. Nate Bednar was also in attendance, as was a high school student for his government class.

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

**Approval of
Minutes –
March 14, 2016**

Mr. Cox moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting as written. Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. **Motion passed 2-0,** with Mr. Slagel abstaining due to absence.

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

Mr. Asher has a quote for three more pieces of exercise equipment at City Park. Two of the pieces will be back-to-back, so it is actually one big piece and then a smaller piece. The estimate for that is \$6,446. The price does not include installation. He has also had a request for a couple of benches near the playground equipment so parents can sit on a bench while the children play. Mr. Woodruff agreed that was a good idea. Mr. Asher stated that these can be purchased and installed, and his crew will put in the exercise equipment as well.

Mr. Asher has not yet gotten a price on rebuilding the fireplace. As soon as he can, he will get a quote from Rick Stum. His company did the work on the other fireplace.

Mr. Cox asked where the new piece of equipment would be placed, and Mr. Asher stated there are a few options. There are no exercise pieces along the levee pond where the pine trees are. There is also room on the south side in the middle. There would be room in the corner, where the bike path comes into Kyle Park from the north. Mr. Asher asked if anyone had any input. Mr. Asher suggested that if they are put by the levee pond, everything would be equally spaced.

**2016
Neighborhood
Park Projects**

Mr. Asher has had a request for a park bench in Hathaway Park near the play feature on the south side of the creek.

The swing set and pads are in at Rosewood Creek.

The big stones at Canal Lock Park are fixed. They had been placed on top of the lock itself for many years. They were fixed a couple of weeks ago. There is a purchase order for the fence at Canal Lock Park, and Mr. Asher is waiting on delivery of the materials so the fence company can install the fence. It is a black ornamental fence.

Mr. Cox asked who takes care of the grass around that area. Mr. Asher replied that one of the subs mows the park itself. The area was mowed last week. Mr. Cox asked if the crew would have to use a weed wacker around the fence, and Mr. Asher said the fence would cause a little more maintenance but not that much more.

Disc Golf Course

Mr. Asher stated that a donation had been made at some point in the past for the disc golf course. He believes it was made to Ryan Hale, who gave it to Community Services, and he was under the impression that the money would be going toward concrete pads. Mr. Asher stated that he thinks the donation was \$300. The estimate for the pads was substantially higher, possibly \$500 per pad. Mr. Asher stated that the donor either wants the cement pads to be put in or he would like his money back. Mr. Asher does not think that can be done because the money has already been put into the fund. Mr. Asher said that we never agreed to do the pads; rubber pads had been suggested, maybe concrete pads, or maybe mulch.

Rubber pads could be taken up in the winter and stored. Mr. Slagel felt that rubber pads would be better because they could be moved. Mr. Asher wants to see how worn down the area gets. The Parks Department would like to put some wood chips down to see how that works for a year or two before going to the expense of concrete pads.

If the donor is satisfied with \$300 of wood mulch, this might be the best solution. Mr. Slagel stated that \$300 would buy 10 yards of mulch, which would cover 10 holes at least. Mr. Asher stated the City could buy the rest of the mulch.

Mr. Woodruff questioned if the Parks Department and Parks Board would be willing to consider concrete pads in the future as an improvement to the parks, and Mr. Asher stated it was a possibility. Mr. Asher stated that as the City completes upgrades to playground equipment, other projects will become possible. Mr.

Woodruff suggested that a few pads every year might be an option.

The donor has questioned Brad Vath about the progress of the pads. Mr. Woodruff suggested using the money for mulch right now. Mr. Asher stated that he will see if the donor is accepting of that idea. If he only wants concrete, possibly next year we can start putting a few in, and his money could help with that at that time.

Mr. Slagel moved to mulch the disc golf course in 2016.
Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers Schedule

Correspondence was received from Katie Sonnanstine detailing the Canal Jumpers schedule.

Southern Ohio Flying K9s

Mr. Nate Bednar of the Southern Ohio Flying K9s addressed the board. They are a Frisbee dog club. They would like permission to host a Frisbee dog competition on the southern portion of Kyle Park, on the other side of the baseball fields just up from the dog park. This year they would like the dates of June 3-5. This year they would like to use the space on Friday, June 3; they would like to host a clinic on how to learn to play Frisbee with your dog. If approved, they are hopeful that more people will learn to play their sport. The Flying K9s are not requesting anything besides the space. They paint lines on the field. They would need a few trash cans and restrooms. There are historically 30-40 competitors. It has historically been a successful event. Mr. Bednar stated that they love the area, love the city, and love the park. The Parks Board agreed that the event is a very enjoyable one.

Mr. Cox moved to approve the Southern Ohio Flying K9s event. Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion. **Motion passed 3-0.**

**Old Business
Kyle Park Dog Park Shelter**

Mr. Asher stated that the dog park shelter is in. The blue top was installed last week.

Dog Park Pavers

As of May 3, 2016, 11 pavers have been sold. In mid-July, or when we sell 20 pavers, whichever comes first, an order will be placed. The cost of the pavers is \$20.

Other Business
Tipp City Brownie Troop

Mr. Asher stated that a Brownie troop asked permission to plant three maple trees in City Park. They are along the bike trail on the north end of the park. There was a photograph in the paper.

Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Asher stated that a Scout has approached him about the Milkweed Project in Kyle Park. He is still doing some research. He is waiting to have the project approved by the Scout Board. He will probably miss spring planting, so he is researching whether he can do his planting in the fall. The Scout would like to put a bench in the area as well so that people could watch the butterflies.

Citizen Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

Comments of Park Advisory Members

Mr. Slagel asked for an update on the sprinkler system. Mr. Asher received a phone call from one of the local irrigation companies wanting some information about a bid that he had gotten regarding an irrigation system in Kyle Park. Mr. Asher referred him to City staff, because Mr. Asher had not seen the bid. He had some questions about different items that Mr. Asher was unfamiliar with. Mr. Asher doesn't have any further information at this time. Mr. Asher believes that May 16 is the date of the bid opening.

Mr. Asher believes there are options for three to four different sections that are being bid on. What the City does will depend upon the price. He thinks the Assistant Engineer was coming up with a bid packet to send out. Options include moveable sprinklers or an in-ground system. Baseball and soccer fields could be done with one well being dug. The south baseball fields would need a separate well.

Mr. Slagel asked how the grass is looking this spring. Mr. Asher stated that crabgrass preventer could not be put down because we reseeded in the fall, so there is now crabgrass everywhere in that area. The area will be sprayed for broadleaf weed control at the end of May. There are signs of new grass coming up in that area, which is behind the progress that Mr. Asher was hoping for. This area will take a few years to thicken up. It should probably be the first area with sprinklers.

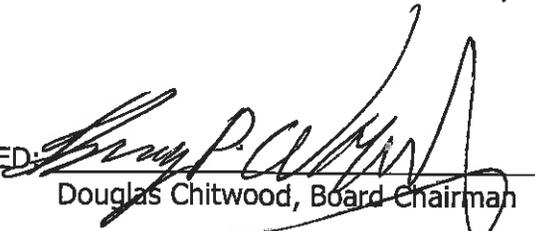
Mr. Asher was asked to have a company come in to give an estimate on totally killing the section out there and re-grading and re-seeding.

Regarding the comprehensive planning open house, Mr. Cox mentioned that there is a survey that citizens are being asked to take. Any Tipp City or Monroe Township resident can complete the survey. It is on the internet. Mr. Cox stated that the last time 63 people responded. The more information they have, the better. The survey includes what types of residences people would prefer when new homes are built.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2016. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Slagel, seconded by Mr. Woodruff, and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: _____


Douglas Chitwood, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____


Linda Michalak, Recording Secretary