

**TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO      March 13, 2017**

**Roll Call**

Chairman Woodruff called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:01 p.m. Members in attendance included: Doug Slagel, Patrick Hodges, and Kevin Cox. Kathy Taylor (Tipp Monroe Community Services/TCMS), Mackenzie English (Monroe Township), Board Secretary Jennica Whitt, City Manager Timothy J Eggleston, Director of Municipal Services John Donnelly, and Superintendent of Municipal Services Tony Hunt were also present. Citizens present: Tom Stapleton and Abby Bowling.

**Approval of Minutes –  
January 9, 2017**

**Mr. Hodges moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting as written.** Mr. Cox seconded the motion. **Motion passed 4-0.**

**New Business:**

**Introduction of  
New  
Superintendent  
for Municipal  
Services**

Director of Municipal Services, John Donnelly, announced the new Superintendent of Municipal Services as being Tony Hunt. Mr. Hunt has worked for with the City previously within the water department. Mr. Hunt began his new position affective February 27, 2017.

**Benches from  
Eagle Scouts  
Along Bike Path**

City Manager, Timothy J. Eggleston, stated a recent discussion was conducted with the Eagle Scouts in regards to the group building and installing 11 benches along the bike path in Tipp City. They will also be working with the local schools art program to decorate the benches with different themes.

**Walk-A-Thon  
Fundraiser for the  
Veterans  
Assistance:  
Utilizing Bike Trail  
March 18, 2017**

Mr. Donnelly stated that the City received a courtesy call by a local Veteran's Assistance group notifying the city that they would be traveling through and utilizing the bike path on March 18, 2017 for a walk-a-thon fundraiser.

**Other Business:**

**Update Irrigation System In Kyle Park**

Mr. Donnelly provided the following update:

The irrigation system has been designed and will be located in the current soccer fields in Kyle Park. The sprinkler system and pipe has been ordered and will be installed soon, hopefully by Spring 2017. This is a mobile unit that will be moved by the soccer staff and it includes two wells. Mr. Eggleston stated due to lack of interest, the baseball fields are not obtaining a sprinkler system at this time.

**Arbor Day**

Mr. Donnelly announced in honor of Arbor Day, the City will be holding a Tree Planting Ceremony Friday, April 28, 2017 at 10:00 am in Kyle Park. A request for the presence and participation from the Mayor has been sent. Successful coordination with Nevin Coppock Elementary School has allowed the 1<sup>st</sup> graders to be bussed to the park to witness the ceremony (weather permitting). Also, at this time, each child will be receiving a tree seedling to take home which has been donated by the city. Formal invitations are to be distributed within the next couple of weeks with additional information regarding the ceremony.

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

Abby Bowling of 861 Hawthorne Dr., Tipp City, posed the following question to the board: "What procedure do you go through if you get access to more land in the park areas? What kind of things do you look at to keep current on what's available in recreation areas?" Ms. Bowling stated in her recent travels to other countries, she has noticed the parks having items such as exercise equipment. Mr. Hodges stated that the City Council or City Manager would be the decision makers regarding land acquisition, not the Park Board. Mrs. Taylor provided an example regarding citizen's requests for park equipment; stating that the citizens of Tipp City would request for such items and the City would investigate the budget to see if the request is feasible. Mrs. Taylor also provided that such exercise equipment does exist at Kyle Park along the bike path.

Ms. Bowling also asked: "Do they ever send you out to conferences to find out what's going on in everyone else's community...?" Mr. Slagel replied stating that they have in the past they have conducted community outreach education within the city parks. It was then suggested that the question might best be directed to the City Manager and City Engineer.

**Comments of Park  
Advisory Members**

Mr. Hodges stated that the Dayton Daily News has recently posted an article reflecting the City Council's discussion of smoking within the city parks. According to the article, the City Council has decided not to approve a ban on smoking in the parks, but that it will be considered at a later date. Mr. Eggleston stated "...the staff is going to sit down with the law director and put something together that wouldn't have a penalty to it...but still be able to be enforced."

Mr. Slagel stated that he has noticed a lot of ruts within the land of Kyle Park near the horse trails. He expressed concern if vehicles are being driven in this area during inappropriate conditions, thus leaving the ruts in the ground enough so that the ground needs fixed, i.e. gravel, etc. and/or a warning sign should be posted. Mr. Donnelly stated that the City would look into the damage and take further action as needed.

Mr. Hodges stated that he read an article Sunday, January 8, 2017 reflecting on damage that occurred at Kyle Park. "...Extensive, criminal damage from unknown person driving in the grass...along the back stretch by ball fields, horse area, football area, and dog park." Unaware of the incident, Mr. Donnelly stated that he would follow up with the Chief of Police regarding the event.

Mr. Hodges provided information regarding public restrooms for Tipp City patrons. There are public restrooms being installed in the Tipp City Monroe Services building as well as a bike rack near the building.

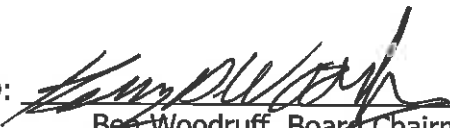
Mr. Cox stated that he has recently observed the two newest pieces of exercise equipment located at Kyle Park and was pleased with them.


Mr. Cox stated that he is planning on having an additional meeting to review the board's ordinances and bylaws. Specifically, to include discussing and implementing a policy regarding deposit fees for field use. It was decided a special meeting would be scheduled for March 22, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Government Center, 260 S. Garber Dr., Tipp City.

Mr. Hodges acknowledged the Park Advisory Board has a member opening and efforts to have this position filled would be appreciated. Mr. Eggleston stated that the city does advertise the positions, but at this time they do not have any pending applications.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2017. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. **on a motion by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Slagel, and unanimously approved.**

APPROVED:   
Ben Woodruff, Board Chairman

ATTEST:   
Jennica Whitt, Recording Secretary