

PARK BOARD

January 8, 2024

The January 8, 2024 Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson. Park Board members present were Jennifer Banta, Jon Blackburn, Dean Leonard, and Kate Niederkohr. Bob Blocksom and Bill Sturgeon were absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; John Walker; Scott Moore; Teresa Scott, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

At this time the election of a Chairperson was held. A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to nominate Mrs. Niederkohr as the Chairperson. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The motion carried.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
AT & T	73.24	
AT & T	115.26	
Ag-Pro	78.07	
Association of Municipal Judges		350.00
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Alloway		508.00
Alloway		1088.00
Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield		59126.13
Bonded Chemicals		3111.90
Brenda Keller		575.00
C & L Sanitation		365.00
County Environmental of Wyandot		20513.38
Dean Derr		150.50
Environmental Resource Associates		93.54
Farmers Equipment Inc.		203.26
Flag City Truck		260.82
Henschen and Associates Inc.		5850.00
Heritage Cooperative	21.50	
Industrial/Organizational Solutions		94.00
Jason Shaw		75.05
Jordan Breece		291.96
Karen Kline		254.00
Kemira		11531.88
Kimmel Corporation		2244.37
L & T Distributing Inc.		2136.75
L & T Distributing Inc.	69.18	276.72
Leanne Frederick		700.00
Lucius Door Company Inc.	235.00	
Lexis Nexis		384.33
M-C Diversified LLC		2400.00
NAPA Auto Parts	88.43	1821.13
O'Reilly Automotive	135.62	
Perry Pro Tech	20.00	3741.65
Perry Pro Tech		22.76
Perry Pro Tech		29.63
Perry Pro Tech		600.00
Rall Supply	17.01	111.27
Scott Young		75.70
Smart Bill		2082.21
Southeastern Equipment Co Inc.		682.00
Staples		562.56
Surinder Jeet Singh		150.00
The Ame Group		2614.00
The Ame Group		578.50

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
Thomson Reuters – West		339.81
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Travis Yeater		700.00
US Bank Equipment		<u>396.37</u>
Totals	<u>853.31</u>	127581.99

TOTAL BILLS: \$128,435.30

A motion was made by Mrs. Banta, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$128,435.30. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 13, 2023 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that he will be meeting with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, later this week to discuss a waiver for camping during the upcoming solar eclipse to take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. Mayor McColly reported that the County is looking to post any information regarding events in conjunction with the solar eclipse on social media.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that representatives from the Girls Fast Pitch League have expressed interest in making improvements to the concession stand at the Lions Club Field in Harrison Smith Park including the addition of a window to allow those individuals working the concession stand to be able to see the ball field. Mr. Niederkohr noted that league representatives are willing to do the necessary work or have the league pay for the work to be done.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mrs. Banta, to approve improvements to the Lions Club Field concession stand in Harrison Smith Park by the Girls Fast Pitch League representatives. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

A request was presented from the Wyandot County Humane Society to hold the their annual Pawzfest in Harrison Smith Park on Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and utilize the white shelter house in conjunction with the event. Park Board members voiced no objections to this request.

Mr. Niederkohr further reported that the City has been awarded the Nature Works grant submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in the amount of \$11,021.00 for pickleball courts in Bicentennial Park. Mayor McColly indicated that the necessary paperwork for the City to receive the grant has been signed and returned to ODNR. Mr. Niederkohr stated that work on this project will take place in the spring of 2024 and include US Resurfacing, Upper Sandusky, Ohio laying the asphalt at a cost of \$7,500.00 and Richland Seal Coating, Mansfield, Ohio applying sealer to the asphalt and striping/lining the courts at a cost of \$5,865.00.

Mr. Niederkohr noted that the Parks Department was named the beneficiary of the proceeds from the annual Autumn Cruise held in the downtown area in September 2023 and have received a grant of \$24,000.00 from the Wyandot Classics and Cruisers. These funds will be utilized to repair/rebuild the retaining wall adjacent to the playground equipment in Bicentennial Park and Parks Department employees will be doing the work for this improvement.

Mr. Niederkohr presented a quote of \$29,122.69 from Ag-Pro Company, Upper Sandusky, Ohio for the purchase of a John Deere 125R sub-compact tractor with heated cab, snowblade, and rotary brush. This equipment will replace an existing piece of equipment previously used to clear snow from the sidewalks in the downtown area and clean the walking paths in Stepping Stones Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Banta, to approve the purchase of a John Deere 125R sub-compact tractor with heated cab, snowblade, and rotary brush from Ag-Pro Company, Upper Sandusky, Ohio at a cost of \$29,122.69. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that the new digital sign has been installed at the entrance of Harrison Smith Park. The total cost of the sign was \$22,345.00 with donations received for this purchase from the Rotary of Upper Sandusky, Wyandot County Young Professionals, First Citizens National Bank, B.P.O.E. 83 (Elks), and Schilling Propane. The City's share of this purchase was \$3,500.00 including labor.

Mr. Niederkohr thanked the Lions Club who responded to a report of a piece of playground equipment in Harrison Smith Park being cracked and in need of repair. A member of the Lions Club has already driven to Indiana to pick up the replacement piece(s) needed to repair this equipment and this repair is expected to be addressed when the weather permits.

Mr. Niederkohr congratulated the Winter Fantasy of Lights (WFOL) for a successful event held in Harrison Smith Park in December 2023.

Mr. Niederkohr indicated that he has been in contact with an engineer regarding needed repairs and upgrades at the swimming pool due to its condition and age. The last major improvements to the swimming pool were done in the 1980s. Mr. Niederkohr noted that the following are some of the repairs that need to be addressed: leaks, the roofs on the pool house and the pump house, and pumps in the pump house. Mr. Niederkohr will report the findings of the engineer at a future Park Board meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson