

PARK BOARD

February 12, 2024

The February 12, 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, Bob Blocksom, Dean Leonard, Kate Niederkohr, and Bill Sturgeon.

Others present included: Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Brian Webb; Lyle Higgins; Rachel Pool; Tom Martin; Greg Knestrick, Peterman Associates; John Walker; Teresa Scott, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
AT & T	515.63	
AT & T		73.92
AT & T		412.95
AEP Ohio		33.84
AEP Ohio		35.45
AEP Ohio		40.54
AEP Ohio		85.56
AEP Ohio		334.44
AEP Ohio		20434.87
Artistic Bronze		195.00
Columbia Gas of Ohio		7358.37
County Environmental of Wyandot		12481.65
Discount Drug Mart		39.27
Fastenal		194.04
Ferguson Waterworks		2288.00
Flag City Truck		454.89
Heritage Cooperative	10.75	
IDI		10.50
Luis Gil		120.00
Monroeville Freightliner		57.58
Muni-Link		1540.62
North Central Laboratories		719.02
Smart Bill		2156.51
Staples		220.06
The Ame Group		578.50
The Ame Group		2709.00
TK Elevator Corporation		1193.75
Thomson Reuters		339.81
Tina Jones		18.54
Wilcox Sales & Service Company		91.85
Totals	526.38	54218.53

TOTAL BILLS: \$54,744.91

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mrs. Banta, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$54,744.91. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 8, 2024 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each Park Board member, were approved as received.

Mr. Brian Webb and Mr. Lyle Higgins addressed the Park Board requesting permission for the co-ed softball league to again play in Harrison Smith Park on Sundays beginning on Sunday, July 14, 2024 and ending in late October 2024 with games to begin at 1:00 p.m. Park Board members voiced no objections.

Mrs. Rachel Pool addressed the Park Board requesting permission for Wyandot County Developmental Disabilities to host a Color Fun Run in Harrison Smith Park on Saturday, March 2, 2024 with registration to begin at 2:00 p.m. and the run to begin at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Pool provided a map of the course and indicated that setup for the run would begin at 12:30 p.m. and they should be done by 4:30 p.m. Park Board members voiced no objections.

Mr. Tom Martin addressed the Park Board and complimented the City for its' great parks and noted that the tree identification that was done in Stepping Stones Park was great. Mr. Martin suggested the center areas in Stepping Stones Park be planted with tall grass and wild flowers and not be mowed, thereby saving time and labor for Parks Department employees and wear on City equipment. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that this suggestion will be taken into consideration. Mr. Niederkohr also stated that if these areas are not maintained tree saplings will grow and make future maintenance more difficult.

Mrs. Niederkohr read a letter from Mayor Kyle McColly regarding information to be presented at this meeting regarding the swimming pool and the importance of weighing all of the facts and determining the best course of action moving forward.

At this time Mr. Niederkohr introduced Mr. Greg Knestrick, Peterman Associates, noting that Mr. Knestrick has viewed the swimming pool and Mr. Niederkohr has provided a list of concerns and existing issues and problem areas at the pool. This information was shared with the members of the Park Board. Mr. Knestrick provided a preliminary estimate of work and materials to address the existing issues and problem areas at the swimming pool with this work to cost approximately \$1,500,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00, and it was noted that this work will not be able to be addressed before the 2024 pool season. Mr. Knestrick presented information regarding a feasibility pool study as requested by Mayor McColly and Mr. Niederkohr addressing a proposed new pool house, pump house, and reconfiguration of the existing pool with the schematic design scope of work to include: design, site layout, pool plan, floorplan for bath/pool house, elevation view of new bath house, estimate of probable project cost including design and construction, estimate of probable demolition cost, and renderings of pool area. Peterman Associates, Inc. fee to complete the schematic design scope of work is \$24,975.00. Park Board members agreed to further discuss this matter later in this meeting.

Park Board members were provided a copy of Ordinance No. 220-13 establishing temporary primitive camping sites in Harrison Smith Park, Bicentennial Park, Stepping Stones Park, and electric sites on City property located along Indian Mill Drive during the Solar Eclipse to take place on Monday, April 8, 2024. Mr. Niederkohr also shared a copy of the reservation form and waiver which can be obtained online. It was noted that the Mayor's Office is currently accepting reservations for camping.

Discussion was held concerning an advertisement for pool personnel.

A motion was made by Mr. Sturgeon, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, to authorize the Human Resource Officer to advertise for pool personnel for the swimming pool for the 2024 season. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

An advertisement for two (2) seasonal part-time park employees for the Parks Department for 2024 was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to authorize the advertisement for two (2) seasonal part-time positions in the Parks Department. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

It was noted that the Solar Eclipse to take place on Monday, April 8, 2024 is the same day as the regularly scheduled monthly Park Board meeting. Park Board members will check their schedules and determine if they want to move that meeting to a different day.

Park Board members reviewed information from Mrs. Jill Eyestone to hold regular swim lessons from June 17 – 28, 2024. Mrs. Eyestone inquired about setting the last two (2) weeks of June to always be swim lessons so everyone involved will know upcoming dates of swim lessons. Mrs. Eyestone noted that as of this date there is no instructor for Infant and Toddler lessons, and at this time those lessons are not being scheduled. Mrs. Eyestone will keep

looking for an instructor, and if she finds one the dates normally scheduled for those lessons would be July 8 – 12, 2024 the week after July 4th. Park Board members voiced no objections.

Park Board members again discussed Peterman Associates, Inc. feasibility pool study as presented earlier in this meeting. The fee to complete the schematic design scope of work is \$24,975.00 and it will take approximately three (3) months to complete this study.

A motion was made by Mr. Blocksom, seconded by Mr. Sturgeon, to proceed with a feasibility pool study by Peterman Associates, Inc. at a cost of \$24,975.00. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that Parks Department employees have been working pressure washing the basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts in the parks.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that if the weather is nice next week the Parks Department employees will begin work on the new pickleball courts to be located in Bicentennial Park.

Mrs. Banta inquired as to what options would be available to replace the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park if the expense to repair or replace the existing pool is too much. Mrs. Banta also inquired about an enclosed pool that could operate year round. Mr. Niederkohr indicated that an enclosed pool would be too large for the park and parking would be an issue.

Mr. Sturgeon suggested removing the diving boards from the swimming pool for 2024 and rope off the basement access to the swimming pool due to risks it presents. The possibility of closing the pool deck at the north end for 2024 was also suggested.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, Chairperson