



PARK BOARD MINUTES

Date | time February 10th, 2025 5:30 P.M. | City Building Room 2C

In Attendance

- Steve Lewis (Excused Absence)
- David Pearce
- Julie Kauffman
- Danielle Woodward
- Matthew Armbruster
- Steve West, City Council

- Doris Roberts, Keep Middletown Beautiful
- Scott Tadych, Staff Representative
- Charlie Anderson, Public Works Superintendent

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by David Pearce.

Presentations

- No community Speakers
- Keep Middletown Beautiful Update
 - Doris stated that KMB will purchase 5 large trunk diameter trees to plant at Goldman Park.
 - Earth Day will be observed on April 26th due to scheduling conflicts
 - Volunteer activities will take place on Friday the 25th and a Citywide cleanup will be Saturday the 26th

OLD BUSINESS

- Urban Forestry Grant
 - Scott met with Wendi VanBuren to discuss the \$300,000 Grant provisions
 - \$150,000 to be spent for inventory and assessment of trees throughout the City
 - \$50,000 for planting new trees, must meet designated Census Tract requirements
 - \$50,000 for tree pruning
 - \$50,000 for tree removal

- Discussed State and Federal funding for Parks and Infrastructure and the need to have local Representatives advocate for Middletown
- Urban Forestry Grant – Scott met with Wendi VanBuren and will give update

NEW BUSINESS

- New Officer Elections
 - Julie Kauffman nominated Dave Pearce for President, Matthew Armbruster seconded, All in favor
 - Julie Kauffman nominated Danielle Woodward for Vice-President, Matthew Armbruster seconded, All in favor
- Goldman Update
 - Turf Pricing for playground \$2600 Sod and installation from Henderson Turf Farm
 - Garage Door for rear storage building \$1,536 Overhead Garage Door
 - Roof Replacement \$29,672 ARCO Roofing
 - Discussed difficulty of interest from contractors to perform renovations on Goldman building. Scott suggested getting individual contractors for this project. Estimated costs \$125,000
- Sherman Park Update
 - Basketball Court Border Status, contractor noted this would be installed in 1-2 weeks
 - Park Sign has been manufactured and will be installed when weather allows
 - Retaining wall to be removed and grade adjusted on Sherman Ave side of Park
 - Discussed adding lights to Park, will get recommendations from Police for security placement
- Douglass Park Splashpad
 - Scott has consultant working on design. Possibly use State Bid contract to expedite process for build
 - Repave parking lot once splashpad is installed
- Financial Update
 - Beginning of year balance of \$1,032,056.96 from \$2,000,000 original budget. Scott made note the City added an additional \$200,000 for 2025 he also noted that the Douglass splashpad costs would come from this fund costing approximately \$500,000 and leaving remaining balance would be \$732,056.96
 - Park Impact Fee \$160,000 approximately, can only be used to purchase New Park Land, or put new improvements on existing park or new Capital Improvement. Has not been earmarked
- Damon Park
 - Possibly having a Community Meeting at the Park
 - Have some Community feedback through Middletown Connect
 - Board agrees to revisit the possibility of this being the next park to be renovated
 - City possibly reacquiring the building from the Salvation Army

Comments

Julie Kauffman brought up the following:

- Having estimates for costs and a plan of improvements at Damon Park and moving forward this year
- Can we sell rights to name a Park to generate funds

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Pearce called for meeting adjournment

Next Meeting

- Parks Board Meeting will be held Monday March 10th, 2025 at 5:30p.m. in Conference room 2C



Steve Lewis, President



Scott Tadych, Staff Liaison

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofmiddletown>.