



## PARK BOARD MINUTES

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

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### In Attendance

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- Steve Lewis (Excused Absence)
  - David Pearce
  - Julie Kauffman
  - Danielle Woodward
  - Matthew Armbruster
  - Steve West, City Council
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- Doris Roberts, Keep Middletown Beautiful
  - Scott Tadych, Staff Representative
  - Charlie Anderson, Public Works Superintendent

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### Call to Order and Roll Call

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Meeting was called to order by David Pearce.

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### Presentations

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- 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 26<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflicts
  - Volunteer activities will take place on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> and a Citywide cleanup will be Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>

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### OLD BUSINESS

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- 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

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## NEW BUSINESS

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- 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

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## Comments

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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

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## ADJOURNMENT

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Dave Pearce called for meeting adjournment

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## Next Meeting

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

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~~Steve Lewis~~, President

David Pearce

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Tadych", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Tadych, Staff Liaison

\*Full videos of meetings are available on the City's YouTube:

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