



PARKS BOARD MINUTES

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

In Attendance

- Steve Lewis
 - David Pearce (Excused Absence)
 - 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

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Danielle Woodward

Presentations

- Welcome Bulls run Board members Nancy Clark and Melissa Profit
 - Discussed the events and volunteer opportunities at Bulls Run Nature Preserve.
 - Offers Nature Walks every Sunday in March and April as well as one public event monthly
 - The Board is working on a funding grant to replace/ repair path bridges that have deteriorated over time
 - More information on their website www.bullsrn.org, and the City website
- Keep Middletown Beautiful Update
 - Doris stated that KMB has purchased 6 trees to plant at Goldman Park. There will also be a tree planted for Earth Day on April 26th

OLD BUSINESS

- Goldman Park Field Leveling
 - Steve Lewis had contractor Vogel Landscaping Company meet Greg Schwarber for field assessment. He provided a quote for \$350,920.00. Waiting on quotes from other contractors
 - Building renovations- Danielle motioned to spend \$74,122.66 for interior renovations, Steve Lewis seconded the motion. the actual cost is \$74,659.00 with Huber General Contracting

- Roof replacement – Original Quote \$29,672 Actual cost \$43,412
- Electric Upgrade – Original Quote \$6,440 Actual Cost \$22,421
- Drinking Fountain Water Refill Station – Installed
- Bonnie Vance Memorial Bench – Ordered \$4,600
- 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

- Earth day – Will be observed on Saturday, April 26th. Volunteers will be dispersed throughout the City
 - Cleveland Cliffs - ANP and Smith Park
 - Amazon – Smith Park
 - PAC Worldwide – Towne Blvd and Roosevelt at Grand
 - CBI – Douglass Park
 - Girl Scouts – Sunset Park
 - Holy trinity Church – Jacot Park
 - Prism – Old South Park
 - Rotary Club – Towne Blvd and Dixie Hwy
 - The Gathering – Downtown trash pick up
 - Liberty Heights Church – Oakland Park
 - Police Group – Police Circle
 - Steve Lewis and Family – Gardner Park
 - Bulls Run – member and family volunteers
 - Pioneer Cemetery – Cemetery Board and family and friends
- Sherman Park –
 - Park Sign Installed
 - Lights - \$8,484.36
- Douglass Splashpad
 - Contractor Awarded?
 - Cost
- Events in Parks Update:
 - Food Truck Friday – Sunset Park

Comments

Steve Lewis brought up the following:

- Park Board Guest Speakers should be added to Agenda if known in advance
- Complaints of drug activity in Sherman Park, Scott discussing with Chief Nelson

Matthew Armbruster brought up the following

- He was very happy with the amount of people at the new Goldman playground and asked if a fence could be installed to keep small children from wondering away from the playground

Julie Kauffman

- Appreciated the mulching contractor did at Sunset Park
- Asked about installing a chain or bollard at Sherman Park to keep vehicles from driving into the park from Wayne Ave side
- Crawford Park sign missing one side.

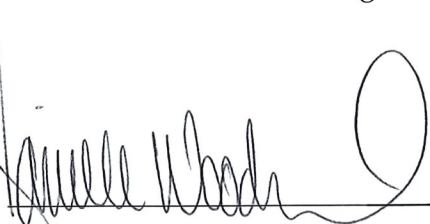
Scott Tadych – Noted the City will receive the 2024 Tree City USA Award on April 24th and asked if any Board members would like to attend. Steve Lewis will tentatively attend

ADJOURNMENT

Danielle Woodward called for meeting, seconded by Matt Armbruster

Next Meeting

- Parks Board Meeting will be held Monday April 14th, 2025 at 5:30p.m. in Conference room 2C



~~David Pearce, President~~



Scott Tadych, Staff Liaison

Danielle Woodward, Vice President

*Full videos of meetings are available on the City's YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofmiddletown>.