



PARK BOARD MINUTES

Date | time April 14th, 2025 5:30 P.M. | City Building Room 2C

In Attendance

- David Pearce - President
- Danielle Woodward – Vice President (Absent)
- Steve Lewis
- Julie Kauffman
- Mathew Armbruster
- Steve West – City Council (Absent)

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

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Board President, David Pearce.

Presentations

- Community Speaker – Caretta Haynes – Discussed the status of Michigan Park. She brought a signed petition from surrounding residents to have the playtoy repaired instead of removed. Scott and Charlie will discuss internally.
- Keep Middletown Beautiful Update
 - Doris – KMB volunteers purchased 50 seedlings for local school children to plant.
 - Arbor Day tree planting will be April 25th at 11:30am at Goldman Park
 - Earth Day will be observed Saturday April 26th.
- Scott - Financials
 - \$732,000 currently.

OLD BUSINESS

- Urban Forestry Grant
 - Wendi VanBuren and Scott working on mapping the City Reinartz corridor for tree planting
 - Wendi will have formal draft by May 1st
 - Working on boulevard corridor mapping for tree planting

NEW BUSINESS

- Goldman Park Updates
 - Getting Field Leveling Quotes
 - Danielle – Signed her 14-year-old son up for Middie Way Baseball but he was unable to play because the fields are too small for his age group
 - Will replace water fountain inside building
- Sherman Park Update
 - Sherman Park – Lights \$8584.00 from Contractor. Dave Pearce asked if police has a fund for Public Safety that could be used to purchase lights for Parks
 - Julie asked to have posts and cable installed on Wayne Ave side to prevent vehicles from driving inside the Park
 - Drinking Fountain – Will be installed in May
- Financial Update.
 - After Douglass Splash Pad expenditure total approximately \$205,000, after currently approved expenditures
 - Discussed Park Impact Fee accessibility.
 - New Splashpad at Douglass Park \$537,000 Penchura
- Tree City USA –
 - Parks Tree report – Removed 6 trees various locations.
 - Discussed I Tree Academy -data and tree mapping portal
 - ISA Certified Arborist Exam
 - Tree Risk Assessment classes
 - Arbor day Tree planting at Goldman Park
 - Crews will be out pruning in April and May

Comments

Steve Lewis – Is Damon Park still in our discussions for improvements. Scott wants to wait for cost of Goldman field leveling before a financial decision is made for Damon. Also, Silver Maple at Gardner Park needs cut down. What is the Animal Control Officer's duties and who do they report to.

Julie Kauffman – Gardner Park tennis nets, one is missing and the other needs replaced. Maple Park sign needs replaced on one side. Thanked Home Depot personnel who helped repair and replace the dugouts at Goldman Park and the purchase of 700 Reds baseball tickets for the player and families to have free of charge.

Dave Pearce- Goldman looks great. Asked about timeline for ribbon cutting, this has not been discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Pearce called for meeting adjournment

Next Meeting

- Parks Board Meeting will be held Monday May 12th, 2025 at 5:30p.m. in Conference room 2C

Steve Lewis
Steve Lewis, Chairman
David Pearce


Scott Tadych, Staff Liaison

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