

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
January 20, 2021**

ITEM 1. Roll Call

Chairman Bricker called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Virtually Present: Cassie Cunningham, Bob Dalton, Angela MacWhinney, Jill Staugler, Maria Schul, Zachary Katona, Vice-Chairwoman Dianna Hibinger, and Chairman Joshua Bricker

Members Absent: Michael Rush, Corie Thompson and Councilman Chris Jones

City Staff Virtually Present: Ted Miller, Parks and Natural Resource Director

YMCA Staff Virtually Present: Roger Hanafin, Associate Executive Director and Lolita Haverlock, Regional VP of Operations

Motion to Excuse: Mr. Dalton motioned to excuse Councilman Jones, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Rush, seconded by Ms. MacWhinney. Motion approved by a 8-0 vote.

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTION of New Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member – Zachary Katona, At-Large

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION of Mike Hamer, Recreation Program Superintendent

ITEM 4. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held September 22, 2020 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger motioned to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held September 22, 2020 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Mr. Dalton. Motion approved by a 8-0 vote.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Clerk informed the Board that there was no request for public comment.

ITEM 6. UPDATE of Delaware Area Community Center YMCA

Mr. Hanafin provided an update to the Board. He discussed changes that had been made to follow COVID-19 guidelines. Activities, such as, basketball, pickleball, and the use of the pools is through a reservation system. Swim lessons have resumed and will be looking at increasing programs in February

with dance and water fitness. He discussed that membership has decreased relating to COVID-19 with close to 9,000 members prior to the pandemic and currently approximately 5,000 members. He discussed how the YMCA is dealing with the financial impact to the decrease in memberships.

ITEM 7. UPDATE on Parks and Natural Resources

Mr. Miller provided an update to Oak Grove Cemetery and Hidden Valley Golf Course. He discussed plans to open the golf course in February on days that are weather appropriate. He discussed the opening of Mingo Pool in the summer and getting feedback from surrounding communities that opened their pools during the previous summer with the pandemic.

ITEM 8. REVIEW of Smith Park Tennis Courts/Pickleball

- a. Continue with reserved courts
 - b. First Come – First Serve
 - c. Split courts – half the courts permanent tennis, half the courts permanent pickleball
- ❖ Note: possibility of the City running a pickleball program in 2021

Mr. Miller reviewed previous concerns relating to the reservation of court times by the Pickleball members. The Board discussed concerns with options to first come-first serve and split courts. Recommendation by the Board was to continue with current practice of reserving courts.

ITEM 9. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller discussed staffing changes and current job openings. He also discussed plans to have a community meeting with the public and Kensington HOA regarding the request for community gardens at Kensington Park.

Mr. Bricker questioned where information on City Programs will be available to the public. Mr. Miller discussed that the City will be providing a full release once staffing is complete.

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger questioned when to start on the tennis summer program. Mr. Miller to follow up. She also discussed that at Mingo Park there is a piece of fitness equipment broken. Ms. Staugler discussed having a place to report on the website. Information was provided regarding the Delaware App.

ITEM 10. MEMBERS COMMENTS

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Dalton moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Elaine McCloskey, Clerk