

**CITY OF DELAWARE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA CISCO Webex **
6:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

January 19, 2021

1. ROLL CALL
2. INTRODUCTION of New Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member – Zachary Katona, At-Large
3. INTRODUCTION of Mike Hamer, Recreation Program Superintendent
4. APPROVAL of Motion Summary for the meeting held September 22, 2020 as recorded and transcribed.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - **JOIN VIRTUAL MEETING:** To provide live public comment please email emccloskey@delawareohio.net or call 740-203-1013 to sign up by 3 p.m. the date of the meeting. **Name and address are required for public comment.** Comments are limited to 3 minutes.
 - **EMAIL, LETTER, PETITION:** Emails, letters, and petitions received by 3 p.m. the date of the meeting will be presented to the Board and submitted into the record. These items will not be read aloud during the meeting but will be available on the website following the meeting at the end of the next business day. **Name and address are required.**
 - **FACEBOOK:** Comments received on Facebook will not be presented during the meeting and will be addressed by staff subsequent to the meeting as appropriate.
6. UPDATE of Delaware Area Community Center YMCA
7. UPDATE on Parks and Natural Resources
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

9. STAFF COMMENTS

10. MEMBERS COMMENT

11. ADJOURNMENT

** This meeting will be a virtual meeting. Residents are encouraged to view online through the City of Delaware Facebook page. To comply with the CDC recommendation prohibiting group meetings, no in person attendance by Council, staff, or the public will be available.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MOTION SUMMARY
September 22, 2020

ITEM 1. Roll Call

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

Members Virtually Present: Cassie Cunningham, Bob Dalton (audio difficulty until 6:42 p.m.), Jill Staugler, Maria Schul, Michael Rush, Corie Thompson (arrived at 7:52 p.m.), Vice-Chairwoman Dianna Hibinger, and Chairman Joshua Bricker

Members Absent: Gary Hayward, Angela MacWhinney, 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: Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger motioned to excuse Councilman Jones, Gary Hayward, Angela MacWhinney, seconded by Mr. Rush. Motion approved by a 6-0-1 (Dalton) vote.

ITEM 2. APPROVAL of the Motion Summary for the meeting held July 21, 2020 as recorded and transcribed.

Motion: Mr. Rush motioned to approve the Motion Summary for the meeting held July 21, 2020 as recorded and transcribed, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger. Motion approved by a 6-0-1(Dalton) vote.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernest Heyder
1562 Hanover Road
Delaware, Ohio

The Clerk read a statement on behalf of Mr. Heyder who was present virtually for the meeting. The statement voiced his concerns regarding the scheduling of tennis courts to be used for pickleball during specific hours and that the City is in violation of Chapter 541.05.

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger discussed concerns that she had received where tennis players were asked to leave and play at Mingo and that these individuals let her know that they were upset over the use of courts. She discussed that

other parks will go on a first come first serve basis. She also discussed the availability to use the tennis courts at the high school when not in use by the students.

Chairman Bricker voiced that he did not see the reservation of the courts any different than the reservation of fields for different leagues.

Mr. Heyder voiced concerns over the signage that is in place regarding the reserved times for the pickleball and requested that this be discussed. Chairman Bricker recommended that this be a discussion item for the next meeting.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION on Draft Recreation Needs Assessment

PRESENTORS:

Austin Hochstetler
PROS Consulting
CPRP, Associate Principal
201 South Capitol Avenue, Suite 505
Indianapolis, Indiana

Nichole Harberlin
PROS Consulting
Project Manager
201 South Capitol Avenue, Suite 505
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mr. Hochstetler reviewed the findings from the Recreation Needs Assessment. The board voiced their support of the presentation and the assessment. Chairman Bricker voiced that the assessment was very reflective of the City and its needs. Mr. Dalton discussed how the assessment reflected what a great community we live in.

Motion: Mr. Dalton motioned to recommend the Recreation Needs Assessment to Council for adoption, seconded by Mr. Rush. Motion approved by an 8-0 vote.

ITEM 5. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller discussed recent incidents of vandalism at the bathrooms at both Blue Limestone Park and Mingo Park and windows of the concession stand at Veterans Park were smashed.

ITEM 6. MEMBERS COMMENTS

Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger discussed that the need for reservation of pickleball courts would help. Chairman Bricker expressed the need to investigate the situation more and find a middle ground between the two groups.

ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Hibinger moved to adjourn the Parks and Recreation meeting, seconded by Mr. Dalton. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Elaine McCloskey, Clerk