

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD *September 1, 2021*

The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on *August 4, 2021* at 6:02 pm in the Veteran's Memorial Park Depot, West Warren St, Germantown, Ohio.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Tom Geglein, Chairman; Shelly Powers
Halie Sewell

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Heistand, Vic Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Tiffani Tobias, Service Department Admin. Assistant; Melanie Jayne

Park Oversight: Tyler Rehmert, Terry Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the *August 4, 2021 & August 17, 2021* minutes.

Ms. Sewell motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Powers seconds the motion.

VOICE CALL ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVORE. MOTION CARRIED

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

None.

BUSINESS:

Ms. Tobias asked the Board to provide suggestions to use an informational resource for individuals/groups who approach the City for volunteer opportunities. Ms. Tobias wants to develop a list of reoccurring needs in Park facilities. The Board provided some suggestions.

Ms. Jayne informed the Board that the Santa used in the previous two years for the Christmas event inadvertently scheduled a conflicting event on the purposed date of December 11, 2021, but was willing to try and reschedule with the Board. The Board asked Ms. Jayne to inquire what other dates and times may still be open, in hopes to retain this Santa. Ms. Sewell has a contact for another Santa volunteer, if needed.

Mr. Rehmert suggested to the Board to review the ordinances which organize the Park Board and dictate is appointment and removal of members, in an effort to be proactive in recruiting new members and removing those members who are no longer able to participate. The Board discussed what actions had been taking in the past regarding inactive members and the increase/decrease of seats on the Board. Ms. Jayne reviewed the Committee Sheet, as provided by the Clerk of Council and advised the Board that there appeared to be three vacancies and that questions regarding the addition or removal of members should be direct to the Clerk of Council.

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Mr. Geglein asked the board to make a motion that the Board suggest to the City Council to make a public statement on their intentions to keep Camp Miami a green space and to make a commitment to designate a portion of the replacement levy to its improvement and preservation. In addition to Camp Miami, the Board also wanted to a renovation or repurposing of Hillcrest Park also be included in the request to City Council. The Board hopes a public statement, made by the beginning of October 2021, from the Council on Camp Miami and Hillcrest Park will promote support for the replacement levy.

Ms. Powers motioned to suggest to the City Council to make a public statement as discussed. Ms. Sewell seconds the motion

VOICE CALL ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVORE. MOTION CARRIED

The Board discussed the replacement levy. It was decided to ask the City Manager to assign a staff member to create and produce an informational flyer on the replacement levy. The Board will then oversee the distribution of the flyer into the community. The Board asked Ms. Jayne to pass along this request and the suggestion that Pat Higgins may be a good candidate for the task, as she is heavily and successfully involved in recent grants for and improvements in the parks.

Ms. Sewell brought to the Board an inquiry into a dog park being developed and how to request a reseeded/improvement of the Weber Fields. The items were briefly discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Powers moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Jayne