

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2016**

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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on January 6, 2016 at 6:31 p.m. in the Veteran's Memorial Park Depot, West Warren Street, Germantown, Ohio.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Tom Geglein, William Heistand, Dave Shuey and Jim Williams. Steve Mersch arrived at 6:38 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ben DeGroat, Judy Kilburn, Mark Kozarec and Ryan Waits were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present was Terry Johnson, Council Liaison; Kelli Novak, Clerk of Council and two visitors.

ORGANIZATION:

Mr. Shuey moved to appoint Tom Geglein as Chairperson.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Shuey moved to appoint William Heistand as the Vice Chairperson.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

All members agreed that the Parks and Recreation Board would meet the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the November 4, 2015 minutes.

Mr. Heistand moved to accept the November 4, 2015 minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Geglein, yes; Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Shuey, abstained; Mr. Williams, yes. 3-yes, 1-abstention. MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Joseph North presented plans for a proposed Eagle Scout project. He would like to construct a utility shed located at the tennis courts at Kercher Park. He explained that the shed would be helpful to the tennis team by keeping their equipment on site.

The Board discussed the building location, various designs and materials used to construct the proposed structure.

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Mr. Mersch moved to support the Eagle Scout project located at the tennis courts in Kercher Park with the understanding that Germantown Council will need to make the final decision and the proper paperwork with the Municipality will be completed.

VOICE VOTE ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

MEMBER'S REPORTS:

Mr. Heistand's Report:

Mr. Heistand expressed concern of the excessive speed of vehicles driving in the park during tennis practice and/or matches. He asked that Staff supply him with signage that would redirect traffic and encourage them to slow down.

The Board would like to discuss the parking lot and drive ways of Kercher Park with the Service Director to get a clear layout of the park's traffic patterns.

He asked for a copy of the Parks and Recreation Board current Budget to review. Staff will look into obtaining a copy of the Budget for the Board Members.

Mr. Mersch's Report:

None.

Mr. Shuey's Report:

Mr. Shuey commented on the new concrete connectors along the bike path to the crosswalks. This is a great asset.

He would like to see more participation with the Christmas in the Park event. He asked that the preschool be invited to participate next year.

He questioned how VV Base was doing this year. Mr. Johnson replied that they are off to a great start. The fields have been seeded and are looking much better. We do need to look at replacing and/or repairing the fencing and adding additional dirt to some of the dugouts.

Mr. Geglein suggested that when the Municipality has a contractor do any work at the parks to please have the Service Director go to the park and sign off when the work is completed and is satisfactory prior to any payment.

Mr. Williams Report:

Mr. Williams shared photos of restrooms located in a City of Carlisle park. He thought that the design would be great for the Lions Club restroom project at Weber Sports Complex.

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The Board discussed the photos and said that Mr. Mersch and Mr. Williams would discuss the project again at the next Lions Club meeting.

Mr. Geglein's Report:

Mr. Geglein asked that the Board Members be thinking of prospective July 4 Grand Marshal candidates and discuss it at the March meeting.

The High School Cross County Course has been decided. He will have additional information at the next meeting for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the attendance of Judy Kilburn.

Mr. Geglein moved to recommend to Council to remove Judy Kilburn from the Parks and Recreation Board due to lack of attendance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Geglein, yes; Mr. Heistand, yes; Mr. Shuey, yes; Mr. Williams, yes. 4-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mersch moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council