

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Veterans' Memorial Park Depot, West Warren Street, Germantown, Ohio.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Tom Geglein, William Heistand Steve Mersch, Ryan Waits and Jim Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victoria Downs and Dave Shuey were absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present was Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Ben DeGroat, Township Trustee; Mark Kozarec Parks Oversight and several visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the March 2, 2016 minutes.

Mr. Heistand moved to accept the March 2, 2016 minutes.

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

The Board reviewed the July 4, 2016 minutes.

Mr. Heistand moved to accept the July 4, 2016 minutes as submitted.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Jenifer Shyrigh expressed concern of the dogs that live on Megan Lane near the walking path to Kercher Park. Staff will look into any available CDBG funding that may be able to help with the cost of a fence in that area. Jenny also suggested that a rose garden be established.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Mersch stated that the Lions will be moving forward with the restroom project at the Weber Complex.

Mr. Waits announced that he would be resigning from the Parks Board. He will be moving to Florida with his family.

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The Board thanked him for his service and wished him and his family well.

Mr. Heistand announced that USTA has a grant that assists communities with tennis court resurfacing. He will look into this and get additional information.

Mr. Kozarec reminded everyone that the Cross Country invitational will be at Kercher Park on September 13. He will contact the Service Director to organize the details for the event.

The Board discussed the upcoming Christmas in the Park event on December 3. They will get with Staff to discuss the details.

The Board discussed the 2017 proposed Budget. They made several suggestions to the Manager to consider in 2017. Including: work on tennis courts, parking lot extension at Weber, fence at Megan Lane, demo shelter at Hillcrest Park, work on basketball courts at Veteran's Park, resurfacing roads around Kercher Park.

They also discussed the upcoming Park Levy that will be on the ballot and asked that a brief article be placed in the newsletter asking for the residents support.

The Board discussed the issue of smoking in the parks. There have been several complaints of patrons smoking near the children in Kercher Park during events.

MOTION: Mr. Mersch moved to recommend that Council promote a smoke free environment in the City parks and property by adding "no smoking beyond this point" signage at Kercher Park, Veterans Memorial Park, the Weber Sports Complex and the bike path.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council