

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**  
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The Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on *May 5, 2021* at 6:00 pm in the Veteran's Memorial Park Shelter, West Warren St, Germantown, Ohio.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Tom Geglein, William Heistand, Shelly Powers, Mackensie Jones, Halie Sewell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vicky Cook, Lisa King

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

Park Oversight: Tyler Rehmert, Terry Johnson

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS 2020:**

Mr. Heistand motioned to elect Tom Geglein as chairperson. Ms. Sewell second the motion.

VOICE CALL ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVORE. MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Jones motions to elect William Heistand as vice chairperson. Mr. Geglein second the motion.

VOICE CALL ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVORE. MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the *March 3,2021; March 29,2021; October 14,2020;November 4,2020 & November 12,2020* minutes.

Mr. Heistand motioned to accept the minutes as submitted.

VOICE CALL ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVORE. MOTION CARRIED

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

None.

**BUSINESS:**

Park Levy: Tyler Rehmert informed the Board that the Township had voted on and passed the motion to have a Replacement Levy placed on the ballot for the parks. Terry Johnson informed the Board that the City Council had voted on and approved the same. The Board discussed ways to create support for the levy and means to distribute information. The Replacement Levy will hold the same rate of .5 mil, but it will be levied against property values, as they currently stand, instead of the values at the time the levy was original placed. If the Replacement Levy passes, it is estimated to increase the Park's funding from \$70,000 to \$100,000. The Board wants to emphasis to the public the following: use of grants in funding projects; improvements made by VV sport groups; needed funding for maintenance of the parks. The following were

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identified as means to distribute information: pamphlets, City and Township website, City's monthly newsletter, and the Germantown Press. Chairman, Tom Geglein, will send out an email to gather more suggestions from Board members.

Camp Miami: Mr. Johnson shared with the Board that some consideration had been given to moving the Veteran Memorials in Veteran's Memorial Park to Camp Miami. Mr. Johnson's reasoning being that VMP is no longer a passive park or associated with the military parade grounds which once stood there. Mr. Johnson asked for feedback from the Board and received favorable interest.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade: Mr. Geglein informed the Board that he had spoken with the City Manager and received approval to hold the parade.

Ms. Jones motioned to hold the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade on July 5,2021 (Monday). Mr. Hesitand second the motion.

VOICE CALL ON MOTION. ALL IN FAVORE. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Geglein will coordinate with Tiffani Tobias to send parade participant letters. Mr. Geglein will review past practice and inform the Board through email on location and times for preparations and parade start.

Mr. Geglein suggested in place of an individual for Grand Marshal , a banner be displayed thanking essential workers for their efforts during the pandemic.

Tennis Courts: Mr. Hesitand inquired of Ms. Tobias as to what preventive maintenance was schedule for the courts in 2021. Ms. Tobias responded that the Service Dept would review the suggested maintenance schedule with the contractor used to install the new surface.

3rd Phase of Sidewalks in Kercher Park: Ms. Tobias informed the Board that a grant had been received to increase the accessibility to Kercher Park by adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of sidewalks. The project is expected to begin soon and be completed this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Melanie Jayne