

**Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners minutes for the Board Meeting held on
February 21, 2019**

The Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on February 21, 2019.

Board members present were Harry Paidas and Gary King

Staff members present were Kim Cox, Kyle Grove, Scott Davis, Chris Zufall, Mitch Kirby and Jennifer Baxter.

Harry Paidas called to order at 2:30pm, declared a quorum present. Roll call was as follows:

Harry Paidas	Yes
Gary King	Yes
Jennifer Mastroianni	No

Gary King made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting. Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Communications:

- There were no letters addressed to the board
- No memorandums
- Minutes of any sub-committee meetings- Kim Cox handed out the October Minutes from Friends of The Park

Administrative Reports:

Silver Park & Butler Rodman:

- Chris Zufall reported equipment maintenance, snow removal, repaired and stained picnic tables about 45 are done, they are half way through. Took apart 22 tables, repaired and re-stained them at Maple Beech Shelter. Varnished the tables the same color as the Amphitheater. Removed showers at the RCC and fixed the plumbing for the new ones being installed. At a standstill now until the water can be turned on to make sure there are no leaks. The faucets were rusty and in bad shape. Hoping to replace the handicap chair that is there, the chlorine tank will be replaced. Kim Cox asked if the pool got painted yet, Scott Davis replied that it will have to be done in the fall, Chris Zufall added they can at least paint the top of the pool for this season.

Cemetery:

- Mitch Kirby reported he has serviced 8 funerals since last meeting, equipment maintenance, and snow removal. Backfilled 5 graves with fill dirt, picked up sticks & litter, emptied trash receptacles. Helped restore picnic tables at Maple Beach and install showers at RCC.
- Doing research on a columbarium for cremains, met with Blaine Lewis from UMU, the options are endless. The 1st phase of UMU was about \$120,000 and Hilles monument just installed one in Lisbon. It all comes down to cost and the

design. Muskingum has done over 3,000 niches and sold \$120,000 so far. A Funeral Director does not need to be present for a cremation burial.. Harry Paidas would like us to look into it more and see if it would be worth the financial costs.

- The Mausoleum is in really bad shape and that is one reason we are looking for something new. We have contacted Koons Restoration on estimated repair costs and financially the City doesn't have the funding. Harry Paidas asked if we know how many bodies are in there, Mitch replied there are about 422 crypts, he has taken at least two out since he's been with the City and has never done a burial in there.

Athletic Fields- Recreation:

- Scott Davis reported that the position for athletic field commissioner has been advertised and it's also on the Ohio Parks website. It is a permanent part time year round position offering 29 hrs per week paying \$14.20 hr, there are no benefits. Meeting with Mark Cuisitan and Matt Trainer about travel ball on Wednesday Feb. 27, Matt is still doing the scheduling with travel tournaments. There is an increase in travel teams interested in our facility, hot stove baseball is having trouble with numbers.

General Administration:

- Kim Cox reported that the budget has been submitted and the new mower has been approved. Yoga is starting on Mondays, Piyo classes (high intensity yoga) are starting on Thursdays and Easter egg hunt flyers have been posted; Big Bat league is almost full with signups, 56/80. Athletic Commissioner and summer help employment has been advertised. Scott Davis said he has been in contact with Vince Kehres at UMU regarding football players that stay local once school is done, they usually work 14 weeks and few of them stay on through the fall. We hire about 4 to 5 to work at the Cemetery and overall there are about 20-22 seasonals total plus five lifeguards. Each year they come back and are good workers.
- Attended the OPRA conference, 10 classes and a banquet. Silver Park restroom renovation approved from Board of Controls, Alliance Ventures received the bid which was \$15,000, doing the one by the lake now and the one by the Rustic Shelter next year. Splash pad CDBG donations was not awarded, maybe in 2020; working on evaluations; had a few meetings with Civic Trust Board, City Council, Friends of The Park and Safety Meeting that Chris Zufall also attended.
- Had a meeting with Adam, Chris Zufall and Christmas light rep from Canton on Friday Feb. 15 to go over some new displays for the lighting in the Park. Received an estimate of \$30,000 for a musical instrument Park project at Butler Rodman; received a donation of \$2,000 from Mainwaring, Friends of The Park for Chapel doors at the City Cemetery, Mitch will check with Opportunity Knocks to get a quote.
- Made a 2019 project list:

1. Paint Maple Beach basketball courts
2. RCC women's bathroom clubhouse renovations
3. Cemetery niches and Chapel renovations
4. Log Cabin window replacement
5. Butler Rodman and Park family amenities
6. Silver Park Lake restroom renovations
7. Miniature golf completion- laying carpet in the spring

Public Hearing:

- None

Public Speaks:

- None

Third Reading:

Second Reading:

First Reading: *Resolution 3-2019: Request for approval to increase the fees for skinned ballfield*

- The price would be from \$25.00 to \$30.00 a game for non-city affiliated teams that use our ball fields, it would only be for the dirt infields; the last increase was in 2013. Harry Paidas asked what other facilities charge, Victory Park charges \$75.00 a game to play on dirt infields.
- Gary King motioned to raise the fee according to the resolution, Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1-2019: Request for approval for renovation of Silver Park restroom

- The quote is not to exceed \$15,346 with Alliance Ventures being awarded the bid.
- Gary King motioned for the approval of Silver Park restroom, Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

2-2019: Request for approval for a new mower

- Harry Paidas asked if we got more than one quote, Kim Cox replied it is a State price. This is the same mower we discussed last year on leasing it and we are now going to purchase it. The older mower we have now will be used at Butler Rodman Park.
- Gary King motioned to approve the purchase of the new mower, Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Color Run event at Silver Park.

- Kim Wardruff from AHS teaches a career tech class for junior & seniors, she has one group that chose Alliance Community to host a color run at Silver Park. She handed out a flyer promoting it and what it's all about. It can be a run or walk and throughout it one gets sprayed with a color powder that is made with corn starch with color in it, they recommend using a grassy area so it can be mowed out. It will wash away and she's hoping they can use the grass area starting in front of the amphitheater and going into the Park, just under 1 mile. They eventually are hoping this to be an annual event and are looking to start this year in the fall on a Sunday afternoon in late September early October. Scott Davis said that the Softball league in the fall is usually over about 2:00 and to schedule it around that.
- Harry Paidas has participated in one of these and his only concern was that they can be very messy but thinks it's a great idea. The Park staff is on board with the event. Kim Cox suggested that they get with the Parks scheduling and they will block off the Miller Pavilion for the event, parking can be inside the Park by the Miller and we will block off by the bridge. For any overflow of parking they will use the Middle School.
- Gary King motioned to allow this event in the fall of 2019, Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Greater Alliance Foundation

- We received \$25,000 donation for the new building fund and GAF would like to request naming rights to the building. They are still deciding on a name but are looking at maybe the John & Virginia Robertson Center or the Robertson Recreation Center, they want the grandparents name associated with it. They will confirm it with the Park Board at a later date.
- Gary King made a motion to allow the family the naming rights to the building, Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

YMCA

- Vicky the aquatic director for the YMCA is requesting permission for use of the RCC pool in the summer. The YMCA has a swim team and they are looking to expand it year round. The Y would supply the teams, the lifeguards and the lane lines for the pool. Scott Davis questioned how will the lane lines be stored and the YMCA will have a reel and they will take care of it all. All the fees collected the Y will split with the Parks and the funds will go into the RCC account. The summer league one does not have to be a member it is open to the Community and they would like to offer the teams to practice outside; they would meet Monday –Friday from 8:30am until 10:00am. The season usually starts the end of May and ends in July. The Parks swim lessons doesn't start until 10:00am.
- The YMCA has found that the summer swim teams have been going to Canton to participate and they would like to see them stay in Alliance. Through the YMCA they are able to offer kids scholarships and financial assistance is available.
- Gary King motioned to allow the YMCA use of the pool from 8:30am until 10:00am, Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- None

Travel Requests:

- Approval for Scott Davis to attend certified playground safety inspector course at Mason, Ohio (3 night stay)

Disbursements:

- Spreadsheet for Jan-Feb, 2019 expenses was handed out. We will be operating this year with an \$804,000 budget; we will have to go through City council with any Capital purchases over \$50,000; the new mower is the only purchase we are anticipating over \$50,000. Harry Paidas would like to see a Capital list of possible purchases for the future, Kim Cox and staff has already begun putting one together.

Employment:

- Seasonal re-hires Floyd Kirksey, Layne Kamph, and Kerry Cochran
- Seasonal new hire Kelly Dragomir

Other or Miscellaneous Business:

- None

Adjournment:

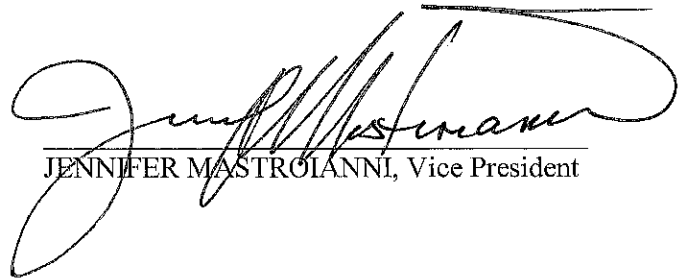
- Gary King made a motion to adjourn, Harry Paidas seconded, all in favor and meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm

Next Meeting:

- Thursday March 21, 2019 at 2:30pm, Silver Park Office



HARRY PAIDAS, President



JENNIFER MASTROIANNI, Vice President