

**Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners minutes for the Board Meeting held on
March 24, 2023**

The Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners had their regular monthly meeting on March 24, 2023

Harry Paidas called to order at 9:01am, declared a quorum present. Roll call was as follows:

Aaron Hill Yes
Jennifer Mastroianni via phone call
Harry Paidas Yes

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

Mayor Candidate Andy Grove was present

Aaron Hill made a motion to accept and approve the minutes for February 15, 2023. Harry Paidas seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Communications:

- Letters addressed to the board - None
- Memorandum from - None
- Minutes of any sub-committee meetings – None

Administrative Reports:

Silver Park & Butler Rodman:

- Kyle Grove presented the report and it was entered into the minutes

Cemetery:

- Mitch Kirby presented the report and it was entered into the minutes

Athletic Fields- Recreation:

- Scott Davis presented to report and it was entered into the minutes

General Administration:

- Kim Cox presented her report and it was entered into the minutes

Public Hearing: None

Public Speaks: Dan Dycus and Justin regarding Disc golf course and the naming rights.

- Dan reached out to the Parks Dept along with Justin who is an Alliance resident in 2021 regarding the course at Memorial Park and the opportunity to improve the course. Since working with Kim Cox they have installed 18 tee pads and looking to continue improving it and adding more baskets to the course. They play on a weekly basis and it's a very addicting sport. Dan handed out a booklet explaining disc golf and the statistics of the large amount of people playing from all over and traveling to play. Players from 10 states have played on the Memorial Park

course. He also added that UDisc is an app for golfers to download and use to find locations that offer the courses. Originally the course was named Wayfair Roost and no one really knows why that is so they are wanting to rename it to Little Creek Disc golf course at Memorial Park, he explained there is a small creek that runs through the area and they are going to clean it up and make it look really nice. They are hoping to settle for a name so they can get new signage and introduce the course.

- Dan added that West Branch State Park has a 21 hole course and is one of the premier courses in the area. The course is really spread out and they are looking to expand it to a 27-hole course. They had a tournament for 81 players that sold out with a waiting list of at least 30 more people. He mentioned possibly expanding to an 18-hole course in Alliance as they looked at Butler Rodman's 12 acre wooded area with a trail. Harry Paidas asked if there is no more room to expand at Memorial Park's course and Dan said no that it's just enough for the 9-hole course that is already there. Dan added that the 9-hole course is very popular for beginners and for introducing the sport, also collegiate teams are now competing nationwide and they do see a lot of University of Mount Union kids playing on our course.
- Kim Cox added she can't thank them enough for donating all their labor and time to enhancing the area that has been dormant for quite a while. It goes nicely with the new pump track that was recently installed and the renovation of the Sean Scott Memorial Rotary Skate Park.
- Harry Paidas responded that the Board needs to figure out a name for it with keeping Memorial Park in it and make it official. Dan said one of the reason's it shouldn't just be named Memorial Park Disc golf is because when you look online there are a million Memorial Parks so he thought adding the small creek would separate us from others.
 - Aaron Hill made a motion to accept and naming it Carnation Creek Disc golf course at Memorial Park, Jennifer Mastroianni seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions: None

Readings: None

New Business:

- Kim Cox received a message from Ron Rittenhouse inquiring about putting an Amateur radio club sign on the two service club signs that the Parks are currently refurbishing. Currently there are six service clubs: Quota Club, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Shade Tree and Friends of the Park. When the Jaycee club was no longer established, that's when the Friends sign went up and only because the Parks take care of them. Kim Cox did inquire with the Administration regarding Ron's request and they believed that the radio club did not qualify for reasons of a service club. Ron did not like the response so he reached out to Kim Cox to present it to the Park Board because he felt their group does donate to charitable organizations. Harry Paidas responded what would their group be different from Habitat for Humanity asking for a sign

and all other groups. Kim Cox added she's not diminishing what they do for the community and appreciates their efforts but she felt they are more of a hobby based club. The service clubs listed meet regularly, work together on volunteering many programs and they give out scholarships.

- Harry Paidas and the Park Board unanimously denied Ron Rittenhouse request for signage, stating they are a community-based emergency service fall back and don't meet the qualifications they believe are for a service club.

Old Business:

- Kim Cox finalized the budget for the Robertson Family Lodge, there was a carry over balance so she was able to order 3 more picnic tables for the outside patio area.
- Kim Cox heard back from Charlie Miller regarding the Sean Scott Memorial sign for the skate park. He had a rough sketch of the new signage with a silhouette of a skater guy. He added he can do the bottom panel in rules with vinyl, he didn't think it would look good cut out being there was so much writing. Charlie also said he could provide a Morgan Engineering and a Friends of The Park sign above each side of the pipe in vinyl. Harry Paidas commented that this needs to happen fairly quickly and installed; also that we need to make sure to contact Morgan Engineering for them to have the final say of the signage.
- Niki McIlvain updated information regarding the Park Levy renewal, Issue 31 set for May 2023 election. The Facebook page is up and running keeping the community updated. Early voting is April 3 to May 3, 2023. We will be mailing letters from Harry Paidas on behalf of the Park Board to 1400 plus residents thanking them for the success from the last levy and reminding them to vote yes to keep our parks going strong. There will be a voting station set up by the YWCA to update or register voting at the Easter Egg Hunt, the cutoff date for voter registration is April 3, 2023. Harry Paidas will also be doing an editorial sometime in April. The final artwork for the yard signs is complete and ready to place the order. We are placing 10 large signs and about 100 smaller yard signs throughout the city.
- Niki added the Parks is turning 100 this year and at the June 6 Chamber of Commerce business after hours event making it a birthday celebration for the community at the Miller pavilion in Silver Park with a birthday cake, snow cones, and much more, making it a birthday party theme event. Niki also added that In August there will be a pool event, Sept 10 will be bark in the park. There are many exciting events being planned for the year.

Travel Requests: None

Disbursements: No expense spreadsheet to report

Employment: None

Other or Miscellaneous Business: Nothing to report

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:00am at Silver Park Office

NOTE: Time change is at 9:00am, not 9:30am until further notice. Meet on 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Adjournment: Aaron Hill made a motion to adjourn, Jennifer Mastroianni seconded, all in favor and meeting was adjourned at 10:11 am



HARRY PAIDAS, President



JENNIFER MASTROIANNI, Vice President