

ALLIANCE PARK BOARD MINUTES
May 17, 2018

The Alliance Park Board held its regular meeting Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: President Harry Paidas, Secretary Jennifer Mastroianni. Also in attendance were Director Kim Cox, Foremen Chris Zufall, and Office Manager Jennifer Baxter.

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Paidas at 2:40 p.m.

Jennifer M. moved to adopt the agenda, Harry seconded. The motion carried.

Jennifer M. moved approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2018 meeting, Harry seconded and the motion carried.

Public Speaks: None

Administrative Reports:

Silver Park & Butler Rodman: Chris Zufall reported lots of mowing and weed eating as weather permits. Also helped at the City Cemetery; they are behind due to the weather and needing more seasonal hires. Cut down 17 dead trees. Chris had some seasonal workers come back from last year but Scott oversaw re-hiring process.

Cemetery: Chris reported lots of mowing, weed eating, and picking up sticks & limbs.

Recreation-Athletic Fields: N/A

General Administration: Kim reported that yoga at Silver Park begins on Monday June 18 at 6 p.m. Big Bat is full and begins June 4th through July 9; Pound in the Park through the YMCA started on June 5 through August 28; Friends of the Park meeting is June 12 at Frank's Restaurant; had an issue with the pool filter being ordered in December and it had not arrived yet and we were getting the run around from the supplier. Hastings Waterworks said they could put in a smaller 4 filter at a reduced cost. At that point Mike Dreger and the Mayor got involved and set up a meeting with Doug Schwartz and Hastings Waterworks. Hastings called Miami filter and told them that the City was going to hold them liable. The filter finally was shipped as of May 17 and Hastings employees were to be there that weekend to finish the work. RCC will be opening the weekend of Memorial Day.

The Rustic shelter is finished and repaired, holding off opening it until new tables, sod, and landscaping is done, Josh Leask will grind out the stump that was there. Kim wants it to look really nice before they open it. Harry suggested getting it out to the public soon. The original shelter was built in 1923. Harry suggested looking for a donor to put their name on the shelter; Kim has a list of naming guidelines that she will share with the Board. An agreement was filed by Bill Morris for the use of Butler Rodman fields; the first one went out to the Wood Bat Tournament.

Unfinished Business: Jenny M. asked if they should send out any thank you letters for supporting the Park Levy. She also praised the hard work from the levy committee.

New Business: Harry, echoing Jenny M, praised the committee saying the chemistry of the group was spot on, worked hard; new their roles and it all magically came together. He can't thank everyone enough for all their hard work and dedication and it showed at the polls, as the levy passed in 16 out of 17 precincts. Jenny M. credited Harry for masterminding the strategy. Harry said now that the Levy passed, he would like to have a workshop in August and go to all the Parks to see what needs to be done and start making a list of priorities. He would like to see a second cabin and a miniature golf course among the priorities.

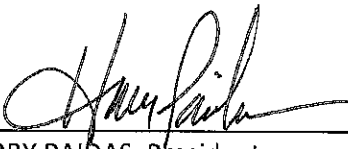
Harry did speak with Stephanie U. from the Review; she asked what improvements the community will be seeing in 2019 when we receive the funds. Harry mentioned the immediate attention will be on the restrooms throughout the Parks, the worst ones are in Silver Park, and the large cracks on the basketball courts. He also would like to show the public the work we have already done with the Rustic Shelter and both basketball courts.

Harry said he would like to see an update on financials be a part of every future Board meeting. Kim said we used to print out POs and the board would see them and sign off on them. Harry said he would like to see a one-sheet summary of pertinent financial information at each meeting. The City Auditor's office will still be in charge of the finances. The Parks Department will create a budget, submit it to the Park Board and it will be forwarded to the City Administration and City Council for their information.

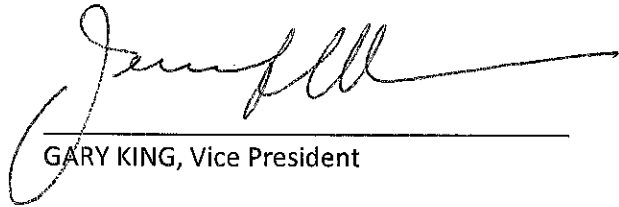
Harry and Kim will be setting up a meeting with the Mayor, Mike Dreger and Kevin Knowles to go over everything to try and clarify what can and can't be done.

Jennifer M. moved to adjourn, Harry seconded and meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Changed to Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.



HARRY PAIDAS, President



GARY KING, Vice President