

**Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners minutes for the Board Meeting held on  
October 25, 2018.**

The Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on October 25, 2018.

Board members present were Harry Paidas, Gary King and Jennifer Mastroianni

Staff members present were Kim Cox, Kyle Grove, Chris Zufall and Jennifer Baxter.

Harry Paidas declared a quorum present. Roll call was as follows:

Harry Paidas	Yes
Gary King	Yes
Jennifer Mastroianni	Yes

Harry Paidas made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting. Gary King moves, Jennifer Mastroianni seconded.

**Communications:**

- There were no letters addressed to the board
- No memorandums
- No minutes of any sub-committee meetings

**Administrative Reports:**

**Silver Park & Butler Rodman:**

- Chris Zufall reported that they have poured and sealed concrete for the mini-golf course at Butler Rodman. Pulled soccer goals and removed the bases at Butler Rodman & Earley's Hill ball fields for the winter. Trimmed trees around the lake at Silver Park, lots of mowing, equipment maintenance, closing and winterizing all the Parks restrooms except Memorial & Silver Park. Sealed the asphalt for the basketball court at Maple Beach, it will be painted in the spring, have a few volunteers from UMU that want to help. Put LED lights up in the hot stove restrooms. Harry Paidas stated that they have picked out the carpet samples for the mini-golf course; the barriers are still to be determined and hoping for some donors, maybe having an event to raise money.

**Cemetery:**

- Chris Zufall reported for Mitch Kirby; since the last meeting he has serviced 6 funerals, back filled 5 graves with fill dirt, and picked up sticks and litter, and emptied trash receptacle's, lots of mowing, trimming, pulling weeds out of flower beds. Turned off all the water spigots for the winter. Equipment maintenance. Worked all day at Butler Rodman helping pour concrete for the mini-golf course. Laid out 10 foundations, Harry Paidas asked what the process was for the foundations; Mitch locates the area where the foundation company needs to pour for the monuments/headstones. Harry Paidas also asked if there is a policy about headstones, Kim Cox stated that some sections do have restrictions of what kind and size can be installed. Kim also added that letters were sent out few months

ago to some lot owners or care givers of their loved ones regarding decorative rocks that are not allowed at the Cemetery and must be removed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year or our staff will be removing them.

#### **Athletic Fields- Recreation:**

- Chris Zufall reported that all the youth fall ball leagues are completed for the year; the Adult co-ed softball league at Silver Park will be done the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November. Bases & soccer goals are put away for the winter.

#### **General Administration:**

- Kim Cox reported that the fall festival went well considering the weather forecast; we didn't have the hayride due to storms. Christmas light donation was given and the order has been placed; Chris Zufall will be working with Adam to install all the lights in Silver Park. Miniature golf course concrete has been poured and there was an article in the Review; Chris Zufall added that someone has already tried to walk through the concrete and because it was dry it didn't cause any damages. Kim Cox also stated that there were a few negative comments on Facebook about the mini-golf course but then a few people were very positive. Harry Paidas asked what the negative comments were and Kim Cox replied more about our streets needing paved before anything else. Skateboard landscape project is complete and the repairs are done, Kim Cox showed pictures of the work Dehoff's did, we received \$5,200 in donations that went through Friends of The Park and the Rotary will put their logo on the retaining wall, they kind of took ownership of the Skate Park by helping with all the repairs and the beautification. Jeremy Thomas will keep up with the repairs every 3 to 6 months; it was about 2 years since the last repairs were done, \$20,000 was raised to do the repairs. Free Yoga is at the RCC on Oct. 27 at 10:00am, giving out giveaways, it's an event for food can drive for the pantry. Classes are to start in Jan through April at the RCC and then it will be at Silver Park sound stage in the summer.
- We had an incident with Bobby Edwards who poses as a Park employee and drives a black truck always at Butler Rodman approaching people, during the Fall Festival there was a volunteer group working out there and he approached them, yelling and telling them they aren't allowed there and they had to leave even made one mother very upset to tears. Kim Cox then reported it to the Police Dept. and a detective did contact her with a photo to verify it was Bobby and he said they were going to work under cover and try and get him banned from the Park. The Mayor also has been made aware of the situation, he couldn't comment too much on it but did say to be careful and to contact the Chief.
- A volunteer group is meeting Jennifer Baxter at the City Cemetery on Oct. 27 at noon to clean headstones and pick up sticks, limbs. Had a meeting with the Chamber-Mark Locke and YMCA- Andrea Lee about the Christmas event at Silver Park on Dec. 1 from 4:00 to 6:00pm, the Mayor wasn't in attendance due to not feeling well. Harry Paidas was concerned about the event being the same day as the traditional lighting downtown event; Kim Cox stated that Mark Locke said the Mayor is on board with the Silver Park event. Harry Paidas suggestion was that after the lighting downtown took place then Santa would lead the Mayor to

the Christmas event at the log cabin in Silver Park. Kim Cox commented that we are one of the sponsors because we are hosting it and this is a Chamber event. Hoping to keep it going each year and making it bigger each year. Kim Cox wanted to make sure that Park Board is all on board with hosting the event; Harry Paidas replied the Park Board is all in agreement with this event. The Log Cabin is booked every weekend in December for the next year; there was a cancellation for Dec 1, 2018 so that was the date for the Christmas event. There was a discussion about where and why the rental money goes to General Fund and not back to the Parks.

- Weekly meetings with the Mayor going over sunshine laws, park policies, swot analysis and budgets. Working on project and equipment estimates for the 2019 budget; we still have not received a budget amount from the Levy. Harry Paidas commented due to sunshine laws the Park Board as a whole cannot tour the City Parks without it being a scheduled meeting and needing posted. Our tools from Cash land are back in our possession, it cost us \$499. There will be a free Women's self-defense seminar on Nov. 10 at the RCC from 4:00 to 6:00pm instructed by Dave Thomas, There is a class limit of 40 participants and must register. Kiwanis club donated \$650 to repair the roof at Butler Rodman and Alliance Ventures will be doing the work.
- We received a donation and are looking to purchase a large decorative concrete baseball. Hoping it draws an interest from other donors and gets some for each sport. Scott Davis was on board and thought it would look really nice by the concession stand. The baseball organization is donating the funds to purchase one.

**Public Hearing:**

- None

**Public Speaks:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**Old Business:**

- Gary King asked what is the situation with the bird in the Lake at Silver Park; Chris Zufall replied that it must have migrated for the winter because it is no longer there. He also commented that someone has picked up the domestic white duck that was there for a while and took it to a farm. To many people drop them off thinking they will survive in the Lake but they usually end up dying because they don't fly and can't survive in the winter. Chris Zufall commented usually after Easter they see more and more ducks but there was only one this year.

**Travel Requests:**

- None

**Disbursements:**

- Monthly financial statements will be distributed at Park Board meetings starting January, 2019

**Employment:**

- Started a list for next year seasonals, hoping to hire more. Harry Paidas commented that the Mayor as well as he thought that it is important for the Park Board to be aware of who has been hired and give their feedback.

**Other or Miscellaneous Business:**

- Annual Christmas party is Dec. 12 at noon at the Log Cabin.

**Adjournment:**

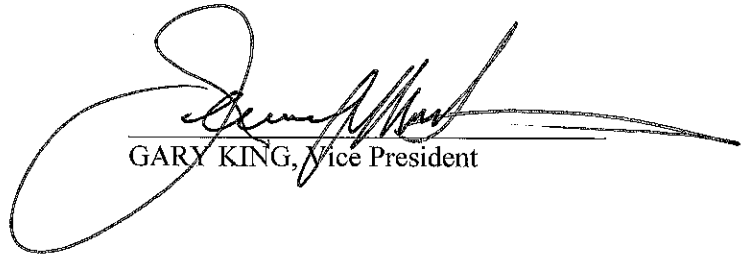
- Harry Paidas made a motion to adjourn, Jennifer Mastroianni moved, Gary King seconded and meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm

**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.



HARRY PAIDAS, President



GARY KING, Vice President