



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday, November 20, 2018 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Dan Armitage, Laura Ball, Bob Burpee, Michele Miller, and Rob Wendling. City support staff Darren Hurley, Parks & Recreation Director, and Melissa Hindman, Marketing and Outreach Supervisor, were also present.

The minutes from the October 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

Special Event Presentation – Mr. Hurley introduced Marketing and Outreach Supervisor, Melissa Hindman. Mr. Hurley said the Department wanted a marketing focus when revenues and memberships were in a bit of decline when he arrived in 2010 and we were in the midst of the recession. As he was considering reorganization, Ms. Hindman came to him with a proposal of a marketing and events team that could help. Since then, marketing has improved and the special events for the city have been revamped and improved. The city averages one special event per month with over 1,000 people in attendance. Ms. Hindman proceeded to give a presentation to the Commission of recent special events, marketing efforts, partnerships, sponsors, and some upcoming highlights as well. She also asked for feedback on what members might want to see. Members discussed the upcoming tribute to Worthington resident and recent Tree Lighting Event emcee Chris Bradley and gave suggestions. Mr. Armitage suggested a luminary walking event or something similar that would utilize the Olentangy Trail in the winter time. Mr. Wendling suggested an outdoor event in a creek or along the river to encourage kids (and parents) to get more hands on with nature. Mr. Armitage added something at the renovated Mirolo Pavilion at Thomas Worthington High School might be a good location. Other suggestions included an earth day clean up activity, a longest day of the year event, dog days of summer river clean up, etc.

Parks Master Plan Progress/Updates – Mr. Hurley provided the attached update on the Parks Master Plan which listed completed, underway, and projects in the city's five year Capital Improvements Program (CIP). He indicated there were originally 81 total projects with 11 being listed in the "most critical" category. Overall, seven projects are completed, six are underway, and three more are listed in the five year CIP.

Other – Mr. Wendling indicated the Arbor Committee is working on rewriting some tree ordinance language and asked for any input that he could pass along to the group. Mr. Hurley indicated he would send out correspondence to determine the status of the December meeting.

Being no further business, the motion for the meeting to adjourn was granted.

Parks Master Plan Projects – Complete

Park	Project	Notes
Godown Park	Add parking at Godown Park.	Most Critical Listing
Godown Park	Deal with the frontage ditch that makes mowing and maintenance difficult.	Most Critical Listing
Olentangy Parklands	Find a location to establish or construct dedicated pickle ball courts.	Most Critical Listing
Perry Park	Continue ball diamond renovations at Perry Park.	Most Critical Listing
Pingree Park	Replace the water fountain.	Completed
Snouffer Park	Evaluate and recommend a solution for the mounds around diamonds 1 & 2	Completed
Village Green	Work closely with school administration site to ensure compatible use.	Completed (will be on-going though)

Parks Master Plan Projects – Underway

Park	Project	Notes
Various	Update park entrance signs for consistent branding and lower maintenance signage.	First signs to go in by spring – Most Critical Listing
McCord Park	Redesign and renovate the entire McCord Park using a professional consultant.	Formal Design and Phase I funded for 2019, phase II for 2020 – Most Critical Listing
Olentangy Parklands	Add restrooms to the tennis court/trailhead area at the Parklands.	Awaiting shipment, install Jan/Feb – Most Critical Listing
Various	Update drinking fountains city-wide with priority on Community Parks.	Underway with dedicated funding for three years in CIP.
Snouffer Park	Add a second community garden.	Prep begins this fall/winter.
Olentangy Parklands	Improve the aesthetics of the area surrounding the lower parking lot.	Work underway, project will evolve over 1-2 yrs

Parks Master Plan Projects – In 5 Year CIP

Park	Project	Notes
Selby Park	Redesign the west end of Selby Park utilizing consultants.	In proposed CIP for 2022 – Most Critical List
E Granville Park	Replace the playground with a nature oriented playground.	In proposed CIP for 2021 – Most Critical List
Shaker Square Park	Replace the playground.	In proposed CIP for 2022 – Most Critical List