



## **WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the Tuesday, December 17, 2019 Meeting**

**Members Present** - The members present were Rachel DeNoewer, David Kessler, Michele Miller, and Rob Wendling. City support staff Darren Hurley, Parks & Recreation Director, Lauren Lange, Recorder were also present.

The minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

**McCord Park Renovation Project Updates** – Mr. Hurley provided a brief update of the McCord Park Renovation Project design process. He shared with the Board a decision had been made to bump the public open house for the playground design to January as having it right before the holidays didn't seem to be working out. He discussed the funding status and shared that the funds in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the project were among those being discussed in the public dialogue regarding how to fund the work at Worthington Pools. He said the finalization of the funding available in the short term might not occur until sometime in the first half of 2020 as the community and City Council worked through how to fund things. It could mean the renovations get phased in a different way, that some work is not completed for a while, or that we need to look at the scale of the work. Mr. Hurley also reminded members that staff representatives and POD Design were going to meet with kids at Wilson Hill Elementary to gather further feedback on the playground design on Thursday. After that, POD will be working to create a drafted design that can go to the public open house and then be brought back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for recommendation to Council. Mr. Kessler confirmed with Mr. Hurley that drainage improvements would not be negatively impacted by phasing and Mr. Hurley stated that POD was aware of desired improvements and would make sure phasing was planned accordingly.

There was some discussion and clarification of the recent public meetings taking place regarding the future of Swim, Inc. and how it might impact this project. Mr. Hurley indicated no decisions have been made and City Council is still trying to gather input to make an informed decision on how to proceed.

**Other** – Ms. Miller reported that graffiti continues to show up at the skate park after it has been cleaned up. She also noted the new signs that are posted stating skateboards only, however she feels majority of use is with scooters and bikes now. Mr. Hurley agreed to review the signage and see if any adjustments are necessary.

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