

## Grove City Park Board

### Meeting Minutes

Dec 17, 2024

#### Agenda Item I. Role Call

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 1800.

Members in Attendance: Sam Clark, Gary James, Trisha Zelenak, Jamie Hannon

Members Absent: Wayne Kintz's absence was excused.

Others in Attendance: Council Member Melissa Anderson, Director Jack Castle, Deputy Director Kelly Sutherland

#### Agenda Item II: Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from October XX, 2024. Ms. Hannon motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Zelenak. Vote taken – Motion approved.

#### Agenda Item III. Hearing of visitors

No visitors.

#### Agenda Items IV. Old Business

Fryer Park Renovations:

Director Castle updated the park board on the west pod field renovations, which include turfing the infields, replacing fences, and modifying the drainage in the outfields.

Windsor Park Fields: The project is delayed for overall drainage configuration for the entire park

#### Agenda Item V. New Business

A. Council Member Melissa Anderson Update:

- i. 2025 budget approved by Council
- ii. Council member Segrist is resigning to be our state representative.
- iii. Council Park Committee form: Council Member Berry is the chairperson
- iv. Community DEI Taskforce concluded and is dissolved
- v. Form of Government task force will report to the council for review

B. Director's Report: Jack Castle

- i. Budget: with the passing of the budget, P&R appropriated money has increased by over 30%. The number 1 focus of the team is merging programs (no more silos), creating a positive culture and new processes, and training and empowering staff. Theme for 2025: training and culture
- ii. Staff Update: We continue to add new full-time staff. Two full-time employees have joined the team since Nov. 3, and two more full-time people will join before the new year.

- iii. Brookpark Status:
  - a) Winter Pickleball Open Gym at Brookpark and will continue through March
  - b) Hours are M-Sa 6a-9a and T & R evenings: Cost \$20/month
  - c) Kudos to Bill Milburn's staff for everything to prep Brookpark to allow the open play to occur
- iv. Pros Consulting: Received final draft report, will be presented to City Admin and Council
- v. Community Center: Moving forward, the committee to meet in Jan to start site selection criteria
  - a) New programs are being created, including camps, new programs,
  - b) Parks and Recreation Foundation is a priority goal for 2025
  - c) Beulah Park Pavilion: 12-15 preferred caterers. Alcohol is allowed at both pavilions after the Council passed

C. Deputy Director's Report

- i. Programming Updates:
  - a) Between the 2024 Mayor's Cup and Mayor's Pickleball Tournament, \$23,750 was donated to LifeCare alliance at the annual Christmas Luncheon.
  - b) Planning for 2025 classes is underway. By the end of February, staff should have classes scheduled through July.
  - c) Once new events staff is hired,
  - d) All programs will be assessed for overall redundancy and process streamlining. Spring baseball was the first program to undergo this process.

D. Park Board Comments - none

E. Park Visit Comments – none

Open discussion: The next meeting to be held at Kingston Center on February 25, 2025, at 6:00p

IV. Adjournment

Ms. Zelenak motioned to adjourn, Mr. James 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; 1917