

Grove City Park Board
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item A. Role Call

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 1800.

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

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

Agenda Item B. Approval of Minutes

Review of minutes from December 17 . 2024. Ms. Zelenek motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Hannon. Vote taken – Motion approved.

Agenda Item C. Hearing of visitors

No visitors.

Agenda Items D. Council Member Report

Ms. Anderson spoke on Council updates since December

- New Council Member Anthony Wilson appointed the vacant seat that Mr. Segrist vacated upon State House Representative
- Talk through the Community Center, presentation by J. Castle
- A resolution will be forthcoming to focus the Community Center planning on the Central Hub plan so they can continue to move the discussion forward

Agenda Item E. Old Business

- GC Parks and Recreation and YMCA monthly meetings; Director Castle and COO Garry Linn continue to meet monthly to discuss collaboration to offer more programming and how the two organizations can work together
- Fryer Park improvements continue, with a slight delay due to the weather but they should still be on target for completion

Agenda Item F. New Business

- The YMCA presented an expansion proposal to the Council. The expansion will focus on the wellness portion of the Y with additional space for GCPR
- GC Park Master Park Initiative 2025: Each month, take a few parks, work on future improvements, and create a master plan for planning, budgeting, and other items. Asking for Board assistance.

Agenda Item G. Director's Report

- There will be an increase in Adult Softball tournaments at Fryer Park in 2025, starting around mid-March. Around 400 teams will play at Fryer this year.
- RecSchool building should be done around March 17, so we can start setting up equipment and moving items.
- Director 3 Initiatives for 2025
 - Continue forward progress for a Community Center
 - Creating a Grove City Parks and Recreation Foundation
 - Building a Departmental Culture

Agenda Item H. Deputy Director's Report

- New Staff Update:
 - Events Supervisor: Heather Brokaw started on Dec.
 - Facility and Aquatic Coordinator: Brittany Hanks started on Jan 21 and oversees the pool and facility rental
- Staff Training:
 - The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Conference was held Feb 2-5; 11 staff members attended (most ever for Grove City)
 - Yearly in-house training for CivicRec completed
 - All staff to be certified in First aid and AED in compliance with State Law

Agenda Item I. Departmental Reports

- Sports: 2025 Youth Softball registration is underway. An 18-month transfer timeline with GCKA is going without incident. We will keep registration open longer since GCKA's registration was later in the spring.
- Events: The final schedule of events for 2025 should be finalized in the next 2 weeks for entry into the city calendar.

Agenda Item J. Community Center Report

- Community Center Presentation recap
- What are the next steps?
 - Council will create committees
 - Site Selection Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Would like 1-2 board members to sit on each committee
 - Let Director Castle know if you are interested in sitting on the committee so he can make a recommendation to Council
- In the meantime, How can we serve our community?
 - Thinking outside the box: Big Bounce Warehouse, can we rent it to offer more and more extensive programs to our community?
 - Arranging a visit; if interested, Director Castle will send an invitation.

Agenda Item K. Board Member Discussion

- 2025 Meeting Dates: Director Castle would like to meet a few more times since there is a lot of forward motion with GCPR. Each meeting starts at 6:00p at the Kingston Center unless noted
 1. Bi-monthly meeting dates (traditional)
 - a. April 17, June 12, August 14, October 16, December 11
 2. Additional Confirmed meetings
 - a. March 12, 6:00p at Beulah Pavilion

Agenda Item L. Action Item Recap *Summary of Key Takeaways and Assignments*

- Advise Director Castle if you would like to volunteer for a Community Center Committee
- Ms. Sutherland will send out Park Tier levels and quadrant map of all the parks for April meeting

Agenda Item M. Adjournment

Unanimous adjournment; 7:25 p.m.