

**CITY OF TOLEDO
PARK BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2019**

Jamie Cummings
Vacant

Mike Morgan
Jill Davis
Emily Morgan

Dale Pomeroy
Aaron Bacon

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Pomeroy, Aaron Bacon, Mike Morgan, Jamie Cummings, Jill Davis and Emily Morgan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Jake Morgan.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dale Pomeroy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike made a motion to approve the March 13, 2019 meeting minutes, Jamie seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The June meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum. The park shower coin meter has been broken all spring and summer. The shower itself is working but there currently is no charge for them. An electrician will be out this next week to help fix the problem. The playground inspection report for the spring was in the last meeting packets. Most of the issues have been taken care of with the exception of the fibar fluffing. Our summer help was going to take care of this but was not able to. We are currently down to one person in the Public Works Department with a new hire starting in two weeks. Once things get settled down hopefully they will get this completed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mt. St. Helens Blue Grass Festival 2020. General Cothren, with the Mt. St. Helen's Bluegrass Festival, has asked the City about relocating the event to the City Park for August 2020. The event is usually held at the Toledo High School but it will be under construction. They are looking for an all-inclusive price to have the park shut down for their festival. It would be shut down from Thursday through Sunday. They will have campers as well. We have already talked with the families that have standing reservations on this weekend and have moved them to the following weekend. They are talking with the school and Toledo Youth Baseball to have access to the fields and parking areas as well. They will bring in more garbage dumpsters and bathroom facilities for the weekend. The board had a few questions and would like to have a special meeting that General could attend.

2020 Fees/Budget Recommendations. Jill gave out a list of current fees and the current expenditures and revenues for the parks. She also explained a few issues that came up this past summer that the board should consider. 1.) We charge for RV camping and the spot are paid for the RV but they have also included multiple tents and other vehicles that are not paid for. Should we allow your tow vehicle and 1 extra vehicle and then charge for additional? Should we charge for each tent as well? 2.) Would the board like to see half day kitchen rentals to possibly increase

revenue? 3.) Many times the kitchen is not rented out but is used for large parties. These people are producing a large amount of garbage but do not help pay for the removal. Should we figure out a way to block the kitchen off so it has to be rented?

After a long discussion it was decided that the board would like to keep it simple. The park is there for the public to use and extra garbage is part of having a park. Jamie will be researching fees from other areas to see how we are in comparison.

OLD BUSINESS: Memorial Water Feature. The water feature has been a big success over the summer. We did a comparison with the usage and the revenue and it has paid for the water being used this year. The sprinkler head is currently broken and we have sent a message to John Borte to see about getting it fixed. We would also like to see a garbage can placed near the feature.

4th Annual Walk in the Park. Things are coming along for this year's event. Jaimie is working on getting music to play during the walk and Emily is working on a scavenger hunt for the kids. We are also trying to construct a foam/bubble machine. We have a good number of sponsors and we are still taking donations for the raffle.

OTHER BUSINESS: 2020 Projects. Jamie has had a few fundraisers in the park and would like to make a few improvements. She would like to use her funds to add mirrors to the restrooms and add signage to the kiosk located at the walk in entrance of the park. She also has paint left over from the other two murals in town and would like to have a mural painted on the outside of the park restrooms. The board liked the idea of the mirrors and signage. A design needs to be approved for the kiosk sign and a mural then presented to City Council for approval.

Jamie mentioned that there is a space between the new building (Steamboat Landing) and Valley View Medical Clinic that will inevitably be used as a walking path to get to and from areas like Steamboat Alley. There is also one that is developed between the School's district office and Donna's Place. She would like to have these as a designated walking path. Both of these areas are on private property so they would have to be done with the property owners.

Jamie would also like to have a 5-year plan developed for the playground equipment to include the condition of each piece and a plan on replacing them.

BBQ Pit Light. Dales asked about the light on the BBQ pit, if it has been taken care of. Jill explained that the City is in the process of retrofitting all of the City facility lights with LED lights. This may be one of them on the list.

PUBLIC INPUT: Jake Morgan presented the board with an idea of a walking trail along unimproved Sixth Street. It would be starting around S. Sixth and Augustus Street and go along the back side of the Middle School field and around the back of the cemetery and connect to N. Sixth Street. This project is spearheaded by the Lion's Club but will involve the School District, City, Cemetery District and a few private land owners. Jake would like to see the plan added into the Park's Comprehensive Plan. Jaimie motioned to have the Sixth Street Trail added into the Park Comprehensive Plan. Jill seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jamie expressed her frustrations with the board only meeting quarterly. She feels that there is

work to be done and no one is taking this seriously. Jill explained that when the decision was made to make the meeting quarterly it was stated that more meeting would be added if necessary. If there are items that need to be addressed and it's not a meeting month then they need to contact Jill with an agenda and she will set a meeting. These meetings are supposed to be run by you as a board. The board decides what is to be talked about and what business is to be conducted. Jill sits on the board as the Secretary. No one has been doing this so she has been.

ADJOURN: As there was no further business, Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jill seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

Dale Pomeroy, Chairman

Jill Davis, Deputy Clerk