

CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Members Present: Megan Travis – President, Beth Mason -Vice President and Clerk Brenda Short. Tyler Cruz was absent.

Megan Travis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Roll Call was done.

Approval of Minutes

Beth Mason made a motion to approve the minutes as recorded from January 2025 meeting and Megan Travis seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

President's Report

Megan reported the following donations to the Friends of Ted Lewis Fund: Larry Plumm \$500, Douglas Dunkle \$10,000, Terry Dean \$1,313.50, Anonymous \$10, Leo and Marsha Hall \$5,000, James and Johnny Hooks \$1,000.

Service Director

Jim Stanley reported the Ted Lewis Shelter final drawings should be available in March. Grading is being done at the Barthelmas Park new ballfields at this time. Should know if the grant application is approved by March.

Public Comments

Five separate groups of two students from the 3rd grade at Circleville Elementary School gave presentations on what they would design in a park and dog park. They used their math skills and survey data that was provided from our City Planner Hannah Wynne. All five were excellent presentation. Students were asked questions by our Park Commission.

Tiger Girls Softball Request for Use

Tiger Girls Softball requested permission to hang their sponsor banners at Ted Lewis for the summer leagues.

Beth Mason made a motion to approve and Megan Travis seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Request from Circleville Girls Softball

Matt Keefer stated he was there as President of the Girls Softball Leagues. They received notice that the fields they used previously outside of the city are no longer available. He was here tonight to ask for permission to use the fields at Ted Lewis. Beth Mason suggested they join with Tiger's Girls Softball and make one league. There are only two fields available and Ted

Lewis and those fields are always in use. It was suggested using Smith Park or Emerine Park. Everyone agreed to continue to think of options and perhaps meet again to discuss.

Deadline

April 1st is the cut off for submitted registration numbers to the Mayor's Office for summer leagues.

NAMI Mental Health Color Walk May 17th at MVCH Park

Application was submitted for using dunk tank and inflatables at their event and must have permission from Park Commission to do so. They need to be reminded to submit their liability insurance face sheet prior to the event.

Megan Travis made a motion to approve and Beth Mason seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pickleball Association

Tom Davis from Pickaway County Pickleball Association stated they had someone come look at the courts at Barthelmas Park. The one with the basketball court is no longer up for discussion of repairing. The original proposal to add a new court is now the plan. For \$75,000, they can build a new court by adding 30' onto the existing pad. They have raised \$50,000 to date. They will come back to the Board in May to perhaps discuss applying for a grant. The Pickaway County Pickleball Association will wind fence around the corners of the court.

Beth Mason made a motion to approve and Megan Travis seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Peggy Shaw from the Pickaway County Pickleball Association asked to reserve the courts on six weekend between May and October for the 2nd weekend of each month. They will be offering some beginner classes and some instructions for those interested.

Megan Travis made a motion to approve and Beth Mason seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Blanton addressed the Park Commission. Raise your Paws is a fundraiser for Circleville High School Foundation. It was requested that the City waive the fee for a half day rental of the Starkey Pavillion at MVCH Park to go along with a package to be raffled off.

Beth Mason made a motion to approve the waiving of the fee and Megan Travis seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Adjourn

Beth Mason made a motion to adjourn and Megan Travis seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Brenda Short