

**Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners minutes for the Board Meeting held on
March 17, 2021**

The Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners had their regular monthly meeting on March 17, 2021

Harry Paidas called to order at 2:35pm, declared a quorum present. Roll call was as follows:

Aaron Hill	Yes
Jennifer Mastroianni	Yes (called in from phone)
Harry Paidas	Yes

Staff members present were Kim Cox, Jennifer Baxter and Chris Zufall. Safety Service Director, Mike Dreger as well as Mayor Alan Andreani on zoom.

Harry Paidas made a motion to accept and approve the minutes for February 17, 2021. Jennifer Mastroianni seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Communications:

- Letters addressed to the board - None
- Memorandum from - None
- Minutes of any sub-committee meetings – None

Administrative Reports:

Silver Park & Butler Rodman:

- Chris Zufall presented the report and it was entered into the minutes.

Cemetery:

- Chris Zufall presented the report and it was entered into the minutes.

Athletic Fields- Recreation:

- Chris Zufall no report. He added they started cleaning up the ball fields, stained some boards on the mini golf course at Butler and they need to repair the golf box.

General Administration:

- Kim Cox presented her report and it was entered into the minutes.
- Harry Paidas asked the Mayor if any changes with Health restrictions being lifted for events, rentals in the Park, the pool opening. The Mayor replied there are no changes of anything and it is up to the Governor for the State of Ohio. He did hear the President say that small groups may gather hopefully by 4th of July. As of now there is not enough information on what direction to go and do what we did last year with the ball teams. There will be a variety of different options that they will be looking at for the fireworks and large groups gatherings.
- Harry Paidas welcomed the newest Park Member Aaron Hill.

Public Hearing: None

Public Speaks: None

Resolutions: None

Readings: None

New Business: Mike Dreger present to discuss ODNR grants (Ohio Department Natural Resources)

- Harry Paidas and Mike Dreger had a meeting about future projects with State funding. The Mayor applied for a grant application from the State requesting \$750,000, and due to Covid-19 that amount was changed. The Mayor replied he was contacted by Senator Schuring in the summer of 2019 regarding this grant application. With everything going on the limit that was granted was for \$250,000. The Mayor would like to see as many projects as we can get completed with that being Thompson Snodgrass Spray Park, Maple Beach project, Butler Rodman fields for lighting and turf, Silver Park maintenance building, and the Skate Park. We will need some matches for a lot of the projects listed to get completed. We may need to adjust the ODNR application for the projects. Since the application was issued we have the Dog Park and the Soccer complex as well to get finished. There will be a spreadsheet set up for the 9 to 10 projects with numbers on the balance sheet, estimated costs for the project, estimated amount in house, cash needed and amount we can raise. Harry Paidas wanted reassured that we have the money established before starting these projects. The Mayor replied the City will put the money up front and then will file for a reimbursement by June 30, 2022, Mike Dreger said we can start no sooner than July. We do have \$250,000 to start with as long as we meet the guidelines & deadlines. The Mayor has been speaking with Senator Schuring for about a year now getting us the money and he would like an invite to any groundbreaking events as well as Representative Stallworth and a few others.

- Harry Paidas stated the proposed projects listed
 1. Skateboard Replacement
 2. Maple Beach Shelter Expansion /Renovation
 3. Silver Park Maintenance / Shelter
 4. Thompson Snodgrass Spray Park
 5. Butler Rodman Field 2 Turf
 6. Memorial Park basketball court
 7. Earley's Hill field lighting
 8. Soccer Park boardwalk
 9. Soccer Park sidewalk
 10. Dog Park

Mike Dreger suggests putting the lighting for Earley's Hill on hold for now, it costs about \$85,000 per field and we would need the money up front for expenses. There is no funding right now; we have a budget of \$130,000 to work with. We have been working with Joe Reese on possibly transforming the fields to something like at the Sports Zone with lights and turf where most game would be able to play no matter the weather.

The ACSC Soccer organization will be contacted about the soccer complex and what needs to be completed for them to eventually play there. There is an old treatment building that needs to be renovated for restrooms, netting needs installed on the fields. We don't believe their organization is ready but letting them know the future of the project and the revenue we believe will come from it.

- Mike Dreger commented that we have \$25,000 from a donor that we have until June 1st to let them know where the donation will be going towards. The decision of building the Butler Rodman shelter is no longer in the works due to it going from a large volunteer group building it and the financial costs donated to mostly our Park staff building it. We are looking into building and repairing the maintenance building / shelter inside Silver Park, it is looking like an in kind estimate of \$200,000 project and that a lot of the work can be done in house. The original maintenance building has a wooden ceiling look inside and nice brick work on outside, the garage doors would be all glass look and it would blend with the Log cabin and the Lake. The Maple Beach Shelter expansion /renovation project total cost estimate of \$100,000; in kind estimate of \$50,000. Stark County foundation is very excited about this project and may give us the monies we need to finish it. This would add more square footage for rental of the pavilion for church events, social events, larger gatherings, etc.
- The trails at Maple Beach the paving is expected to continue and within the next 3 years the ball fields will be re-done with grating, turfing, and drainage. As well as cleaning up the parking and street area.
- The Skate Park needs a lot of repairs, has been abused by bicycles throughout the years. Some pieces can be salvaged and we would like to see a small scale Skate Park at Maple Beach in the tennis court area that isn't used very much. The Skate Park needed for repairs total estimate of \$200,000; in kind estimate of \$75, 000, to raise the funds is a slower process, looking to replace existing parts with steel only. It is a gateway to the City and it does get a lot of use. Harry Paidas suggested possibly contacting Morgan Engineering; that might be a project they would like to take on to build, repair and possibly donate to help with the up keep.
- The Thompson-Snodgrass Spray Park total estimate is about \$100,000; in kind estimate \$60,000 to \$70,000. Harry Paidas asked if there is water hook up for the area where it is going and Mike Dreger replied there is sufficient water supply for what is needed. The Spray Park at RCC is nice but restricted to only those who pay to get in and swim.

- Looking to install a basketball court at Memorial Park, it will be total cost estimate at \$30,000, in kind estimate at \$15,000. The \$15,000 would come out of the grant money, don't believe we will get donations with that. There was one there before a long time ago that was removed and we would like to bring it back. Mike Dreger believes that people enjoy playing basketball at the Parks and it would bring more people using all the Parks.
- The Mayor added the projects we are going to prioritize need addressed and voted on from the Park Board at the next meeting in April. This is tax exempt bonds for the City and the deadline is by the end of July 1, 2022. We will sign the contract and begin the projects. Mike Dreger will keep updating a list and the estimates for the Park Board. The Mayor is excited about all the upcoming projects; he added great things are coming in all sections of the City, one being the Soccer complex on the North side of town and the bike trails. This is a golden opportunity and we are going to do well.
- Harry Paidas asked about paving the roads at Silver Park & Maple Beach. Kim Cox commented that she budgeted for \$10,000 for paving. Butler Rodman has been paved twice with the Klusch Foundation paying for it one time. Mike Dreger did add that Silver Park is not considered a public road.

Old Business:

- Jennifer Mastroianni discussed the status of Dog Park, need approval of the new logo and signage that we will have to be sourced out. Mike Dreger and Kim Cox will work on the details. Mike Dreger did suggest that we should contact the donors Jim Stout and Dr. Burnell about the logo to see if they are good with the concept and design and if they have any concerns or suggestions. Harry Paidas will forward the logo to them for their approval.

Travel Requests: None

Disbursements:

1. Spreadsheet for January-March 16, 2021 expenses.
2. Reimbursements of \$150 for rental of Log Cabin, canceled due to Covid-19

Employment: No re- hires or new hires

Other or Miscellaneous Business: None

Next Meeting:

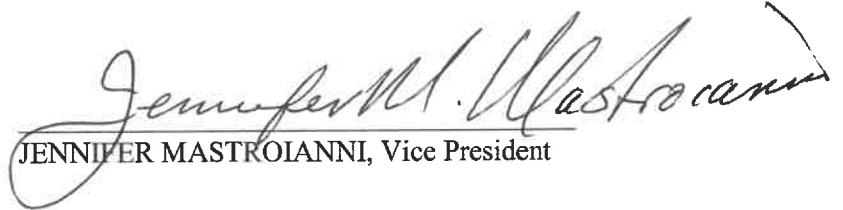
Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 2:30 at Silver Park Office

Adjournment:

- Jennifer Mastroianni made a motion to adjourn, Aaron Hill seconded, all in favor and meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm



HARRY PAIDAS, President



JENNIFER MASTROIANNI, Vice President