

**Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners minutes for the Board Meeting held on
May 18, 2021**

The Alliance City Board of Park Commissioners had their regular monthly meeting on May 18, 2021

Harry Paidas called to order at 2:37pm, declared a quorum present. Roll call was as follows:

Aaron Hill Yes
Jennifer Mastroianni Yes
Harry Paidas Yes

Staff members present were Kim Cox, Jennifer Baxter and Chris Zufall.

Jennifer Mastroianni made a motion to accept and approve the minutes for April 21, 2021. Aaron Hill 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 presented the report and it was entered into the minutes.

General Administration:

- Kim Cox presented her report and it was entered into the minutes.

Public Hearing: None

Public Speaks:

1. Toya Early & Cheryl Grimes request for approval of their annual event “You know you’re from Alliance?”

Toya Early the President of the event is asking approval for their event being held on August 21, 2021 at Maple Beach Park. The event is a free event open to the public. There will be vendors, corn hole, bounce house, gospel festival and live band from Cleveland. There will be a food and clothing give away for anyone in

need, free hot dogs, chips and juice. There will be a ceremony for outstanding citizen of the community. This will be their 3rd year hosting this event; the Mayor declared it a yearly event. Chris Zufall asked their plans for all the electric and if possible they may need to get a generator. There are outlets in the Pavilion and the Amphitheater where the band will set up. They had a problem in the past with the bounce house tripping the breaker and turning electric off. Toya said the plans for the house will be in the open field area with Adults watching the kids and there shouldn't be a problem with the power. Chris Zufall also said they will need to get hold of the Health Dept regarding any hot foods. Toya asked about lights for the Amphitheater for when it gets dark, Chris Zufall replied that all shelter reservations are allowed until 9pm. Aaron Hill asked what time the event is, Toya replied the Vendor's will start setting up at 11am and open to the community at noon. Toya has contacted the Fire and Police Chief as well. Toya said they believe this will be a very big event and possibly a parade in the future. She asked if we can make sure there are plenty of picnic tables, trash cans and outlets checked, grass mowed and the bathrooms opened. She also asked if there could be port a john available as well, Chris Zufall said they are more than welcome to rent them and have them there. Chris Zufall requested that they do clean up as much as they can when they are finished.

- They also will be having a Memorial balloon release on Sunday May 30th from 3:00 to 5:00pm, open to the Community. They are asking if restrooms can be unlocked and grass mowed. Chris Zufall said the grass gets mowed every Wednesday, the restrooms do not get opened until June 1st and Harry Paidas said that would be up to the City administration to open sooner.

Harry Paidas asked for a motion for the approval of these events, Jennifer Mastroianni made a motion to approve them, Aaron Hill seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Andy Green request for approval of Juneteenth event at Thompson Snodgrass Park.

- Jarhisa Williams stood in for Andy Green to talk about the event. It is Saturday June 19 at 2:00pm with set up starting at 11:00am. It is a free event to the community. There will be a basketball tournament for boys/men 16yrs and up, girls 10yrs-18. The registration fee is \$10 per person with a max of 10 people per team. There will be live music, food, drinks all free, 50/50 drawing. They will have a pop up shop with a table fee of \$25 to set up. Chris Zufall asked what the money is for. Andy Green was on the phone and she replied it will be used for food products & supplies, the 50/50 drawing would go towards the female basketball grand prize winners and the registration fee would go to the male basketball grand prize winners. Chris Zufall added they make sure to contact the Health Dept as well.

Harry Paidas asked for a motion for the approval of this event, Jennifer

Mastroianni made a motion to approve them, Aaron Hill seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions: None

Readings: None

New Business:

- Harry Paidas discussed the status of the Skate Park and the meetings with Mark Fedor of Morgan Engineering and Sean Scott's widow Melissa Scott. She is interested in raising funds towards the rebuilding of the Skate Park in Sean's memory. Mark Fedor donated \$50,000 to get us started. Phase I is over \$100,000 to replace a few key pieces. With the ODNR grant from the City, Mark Fedor's donation and funds Melissa Scott raised we should be able to begin Phase I. American ramp will be getting us some drawings. Harry Paidas, Kim Cox and Chris Zufall recently had a meeting in Mentor to see their equipment that American ramp did the work, their skate park is half the size of ours and on any given weekend there are over 100 people. Harry believes we will have one of the best Skate Parks in the region.

Harry Paidas made a motion to approve the funds to move forward for Phase I of the Skate Park, Aaron Hill seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

- Harry Paidas handed out a document agreement between Robertson Heating and Supply and the Alliance City Parks and their commitment to donate for the renovation of the garage maintenance building at Silver Park. Harry Paidas met with Scott Robertson and Sue Robertson Neil regarding their original donation of \$25,000 for the new building at Butler Rodman Park, that the City and Parks have gone a different direction and no longer building that one. Harry approached them about their new idea with the maintenance building at Silver Park; they agreed to give us a total of \$80,000 gift for the project that we estimate will be about \$200,000. With the ODNR grant we will receive on July 1st and from donations we will see this project beginning the spring of 2022.

Harry Paidas asked for a motion to approve the project going forward with the \$80,000 gift from the Robertson's, Aaron Hill made a motion to approve, Jennifer Mastroianni seconded. Roll call, all in favor, motion carried.

- Jennifer Mastroianni said she is working on planting flowers, plants and sprucing up the front of the Silver Park office. She put it on Facebook for donations of flowers, plants of any kinds and many people have been very generous and dropping them off at the office.
- She also added that the 100th Anniversary of the Parks will be in 2023 and she is looking to plan some type of celebration and she reached out to Eddie

Williams because his wedding was so amazing with fireworks, food trucks, 20 piece band; it was like a magical carnival.

Old Business: None

Travel Requests: None

Disbursements:

1. Spreadsheet for January-May 18, 2021 expenses.
2. Reimbursements of \$290 for rentals canceled due to Covid-19

Employment: Re- hires and new hires are as follows: Michael Kerns, Ian Kell, Dominic Bertolini, and Claire Cox

Other or Miscellaneous Business: None

Next Meeting:

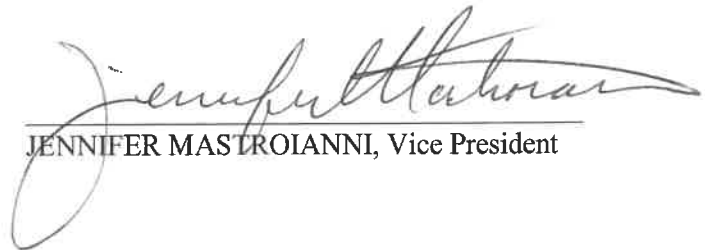
Tuesday June 15, 2021, 2:30 at Silver Park Office

Adjournment:

- Aaron Hill made a motion to adjourn, Jennifer Mastroianni seconded, all in favor and meeting was adjourned at 3:46pm



HARRY PAIDAS, President



JENNIFER MASTROIANNI, Vice President