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Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and Ohio's stay-at-home order, Parks Board held its May 11, 2020 regular Parks Advisory Board Meeting using GoToMeetings, a remote meeting platform. Director of Municipal Services Eric Mack and Board Secretary Laura Tobias were physically present in Council Chambers. Chairman Pat Hodges, Vice Chairman Doug Slagel, Ben Graham, and Kirsten Hutton all dialed in using the GoToMeetings meeting system.

Ex-officio member Kathy Taylor dialed in for this meeting.

Reporter Nancy Bowman dialed in for this meeting.

Other participants who dialed into this meeting include: Gerald Collins and Abby Bowling.

Chairman Pat Hodges called the meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 7:01 pm.

Absence

Mr. Heatherly did not dial into the meeting.

Minutes

Chairman Hodges asked if there were any suggested changes for the proposed minutes. There being none, Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the March 9, 2020, meeting minutes as written**. Seconded by Mr. Hodges. **Motion carried**. Ayes: Slagel, Hodges, Hutton. Mr. Graham abstained from the vote.

New Business

Ohio River Road Runners Club Tadmor 10K:

Mr. Collins announced he is the Race Director for the Ohio River Runners in Dayton, Ohio and that Kyle Park was used last year for the first time to host the Tadmor 10K. He said it went very well, with 144 runners and approximately 20 volunteers at the event. They used the Timmer Pavilion and would like to request the use of Kyle Park again for 2020.

He spoke about the event, and stated it went well aside from a turnaround area where there were a lot of bicyclists on the path. He stated they have made arrangements to adjust the starting line and the turnaround area so there will not be future issues. He added that all of the runners enjoyed the course and are looking forward to coming back to Tipp City this year.

Ms. Hutton asked if there were any guidelines in place for the race with regard to Covid-19. Mr. Collins stated the Road Runners Club just issued recommendations for races going forward this year. He said he is looking at the recommendations and evaluating them, as well as the governor's rules in order to make the race as safe as possible.

Mr. Hodges pointed out that by planning this event, we are assuming the situation with Covid-19 will be better by August 2nd, but we can't be sure. Mr. Collins agreed and said he plans to proceed forward until something changes otherwise.

Mr. Slagle stated that he doesn't see any problem with the event as long as all of the proper paperwork is filed with Kathy Taylor at Tipp Monroe Community Services.

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Mr. Mack stated that from staff's perspective, the approval should be contingent upon any actions of the state regarding Covid-19.

Mr. Slagel **moved to approve the use of the Kyle Park for the Ohio River Runners Club Tadmor 10K contingent upon Covid-19 regulations at that time.** Seconded by Mr. Graham. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Tennis and Basketball Court Resurfacing:

Mr. Hodges announced the Parks Board received quotes from two different companies with regard to resurfacing the basketball court as well as the tennis courts.

Mr. Hodges asked if Tony Hunt, Public Works Superintendent, was on the call. Mr. Mack said he was not, but that he could answer any questions on Tony's behalf.

Mr. Slagel asked if the Parks Board \$25,000 budget would be used to pay for the resurfacing. Mr. Mack said it could be.

Mr. Hodges recommended that the City pay for the resurfacing, not the Parks Board.

Ms. Hutton asked what calendar year the courts would be resurfaced. Mr. Mack said these are current prices for 2020, therefore if we waited until next year, the City would get additional quotes but they would likely be slightly higher. He also stated this could be added to the Capitol Improvement Plan in the future, which requires City Council approval. The staff wanted to know if the Parks Board wanted to allocate Parks Board funds for the resurfacing.

Mr. Hodges said that Tony Hunt previously stated the resurfacing project would be completed this spring, once the weather had improved. Mr. Hodges added he had been in contact with Heather Bailey, former president of the Tipp Foundation, who said the foundation had money set aside ~~to help the City with the resurfacing~~ ^{for parks projects in Tipp City} instead of the Parks Advisory Board spending their budget on it. Mr. Hodges recommends we ask the Tipp Foundation for funding.

Mr. Slagle agreed.

Ms. Taylor asked if the Board had considered using part of their budget to help pay for the resurfacing. She explained that the application for the Tipp Foundation would ask if they would be putting any money toward the project. She added they are donating a lot of money for Covid-19 assistance, and asked Mr. Hodges when he had spoken to Ms. Bailey. Mr. Hodges said it was two weeks prior.

Mr. Hodges continued that he thought the Board was currently considering four projects: resurfacing courts, a shelter in the dog park, a Thor Lightning System in City Park, and a toddler playground for City Park. He mentioned all four to Ms. Bailey. Mr. Hodges recommends, based on his conversation with her, that they request help with funding for the court resurfacing.

Mr. Graham agreed.

Ms. Hutton asked how often the basketball and tennis courts need to be repaired and resurfaced. Mr. Mack stated the City tries to keep them in a ten-year cycle.

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Mr. Hodges recommended that the Parks Board ask the Tipp Foundation to pay for resurfacing of the basketball court and tennis courts, with pickleball lines added to both tennis courts. He added that Ms. Bailey indicated she needed the paperwork for the request from Tipp City by June 1st.

Mr. Hodges **moved to approve the request for funds to resurface from the Tipp Foundation.** Seconded by Mr. Slagle. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Mr. Mack said the City will work with Ms. Bailey and the Tipp Foundation on an application.

Mr. Hodges asked the Board what they would like to see the Parks Board budget money used for: the shelter at the dog park, the Thor Lightning System in City Park, or the toddler play equipment in City Park.

Mr. Slagle said he would like to see the shelter in the dog park built.

Ms. Hutton asked if the play equipment would be designed for a younger age group. Mr. Hodges said yes.

Ms. Hutton asked if the dog shelter would help to create more shade. Mr. Slagle explained they have a shelter at one of the dog parks, but not in the other one.

Ms. Hutton asked if the Thor Lightning System would cost around \$17,000. Mr. Hodges responded he believes there may be more costs associated with that. He said the system at Duke Park in Troy cost approximately \$22,000.

Mr. Slagle added that the Thor Lightning System which was installed at Kyle Park was supposed to be designed to tie into additional systems. Unfortunately it will not be able to.

Ms. Hutton asked if the Parks Board's budget needed to be used by the end of the year. Mr. Hodges said yes.

Mr. Hodges said he had asked Mr. Hunt for quotes on a dog park shelter.

Mr. Mack stated Mr. Hunt is working on quotes, and the information would be sent out before the next Parks Board meeting. Mr. Hodges asked if Mr. Hunt could provide quotes for all three projects: the shelter at the dog park, the Thor Lightning System in City Park, and the toddler play equipment for City Park. He suggested they could then make a decision at their next meeting.

Mr. Mack agreed the City would work on that.

Old Business or Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Hodges asked if there was any old business or miscellaneous business to discuss. There was none.

Citizen Comments not on the Agenda

Mr. Hodges asked if there were any citizen comments on items not on the agenda.

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Ms. Bowling informed the Parks Board that if they want to ask for a grant from the Tipp Foundation, the grant deadline is June 1st. She stated if it is not submitted by then, then it would not be reviewed until September.

Ms. Bowling asked about the dog park shelter. She stated the City has a \$10,000 line item in the Capitol Improvement Plan for a dog park upgrade in 2024.

Mr. Mack explained that money is not allocated for a shelter, but instead for equipment for the dogs.

Ms. Bowling inquired further about the Capitol Improvement Plan, stating that there is a line item for the replacement of Kyle Soccer Field playground equipment. She said she thought the playground was just replaced. Mr. Mack clarified that the City recently added toddler play equipment, and the money from the Capitol Improvement Plan will pay for replacement of older equipment that is original to the park. She asked if Mr. Mack could confirm there is no play equipment for City Park budgeted in the Capitol Improvement Plan. Mr. Mack said that is correct.

Mr. Slagle asked Mr. Mack about the Tip Top Canning property. Mr. Mack said he did not have any information.

Mr. Hodges asked for any more citizen comments.

Ms. Hutton stated that a resident reached out to her regarding the Roger Presley Trail. Mr. Mack suggested she forward the email to himself and Mr. Hunt. He said the pathway is mostly on City property.

Comments of Park Advisory Members

Mr. Hodges asked for comments from Parks Advisory Board Members. Mr. Hodges reminded the Board they need to make a decision at the next meeting on what they plan to spend their money on.

Mr. Graham and Ms. Hutton asked if the Tipp City pool planned to open after Memorial Day. Mr. Mack stated that the pool opening will be based on Governor DeWine's order. Currently, the stay-at-home order is in place until May 29th, and the City plans to open the pool if and when they are authorized to.

Mr. Hodges reminded everyone the next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020.

Adjournment

Chairman Hodges asked for further discussion or comments. There being none, Mr. Slagle **moved to adjourn the meeting** at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Ms. Hutton and unanimously approved. **Motion carried.**

APPROVED: _____

Pat Hodges
Pat Hodges, Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Laura K. Tobias
Laura Tobias, Board Secretary