

Parks and Recreation Board

City of Huber Heights

March 20, 2025

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Casey Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

II. Roll Call

Present at the meeting: Taylor, Aikens, Black, More, Detty, Hill, Bonnoront, Snider, Eifert

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Sarah Forsythe

III. Opening Remarks

none

IV. Citizen's Comments

none

V. Old Business

a. YMCA Update

Mrs. Forsythe announced shelter 2 at Thomas A. Cloud Memorial Park will be out of commission until the end of May due to roof damage. She also notes that flyers for the pickleball tournaments are posted at the YMCA and will be on social media soon. The YMCA will be hosting a free Yoga event for the community on April 12th at the Community Park and will begin to prepare for the outdoor summer pool season around April 7th.

b. Community Playground: Launching Community Vote

Due to changes at the federal level, the board chose to hold off on this topic.

c. Cost Recovery Policy Delivered

Discussion is pushed back to the May meeting.

d. Review Park Standards: Secret Shopper Program

Mrs. Forsythe gave every board member a copy of the park standards and asked for feedback. She also mentions the park survey that will be posted for citizens to give general feedback on the parks. Andy volunteered to be in charge of setting up the secret shopper, to ensure a secret element for Mrs. Forsythe.

e. Review Summer Parks & Recreation Board Initiatives/Programs

The Annual Tree and Plant Giveaway will be hosted at the senior center on April 5th, from 9 am to 11 am. The board then communicates volunteer shifts for the event. Mrs. Forsythe starts the conversation for the Heritage Tree Program for the 2026 season. Nominations for this event start on Arbor Day and close on a later date. A correction was made for the pickleball tournaments. Participants that are 60 years and older will be scheduled for Friday, while the 18 and older age group will play on Saturday. Mr. Black mentioned they want to have a youth basketball tournament once the new basketball courts are installed. Sarah Forsythe adds that we should expect to see this upgrade completed by June. The plan is to schedule the tournament later in the summer when we see the changes completed, estimated to be scheduled around August or September. Fees and ages of the event will be determined at a later date. Mr. Black suggested tents for staff and the possibility of food trucks at the pickleball event. The board decided the field day event on June 10th will run from 6 pm to 8pm.

VI. New Business

a. Tree Board- Tree City USA

Mrs. Forsythe explained that the city has a goal to become a tree city USA city, which shows the city's commitment to the health of our environment, specifically in regard to trees. To make this goal possible, a tree board is essential. Mrs. Forsythe proposes that this board double as a tree board. A formal vote was taken, and the board decides to start with themselves as the members of the tree board and see how it evolved from there.

b. P & R Summer Program Presentation

Parks and Recreation manager, Sarah Forsythe, introduces the list of programs planned for the 2025 summer season and the details of each event.

c. MVLNCI

The chairperson proposes joining the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside (MVLNCI) initiative. This would entail attending monthly board meetings and showing a commitment to future programs focusing on getting our youth outside. The board voted and approved joining the MVLNCI.

VII. Additional Business and Announcements

Mrs. Forsythe introduces the idea of the April meeting changing its organization slightly because the meeting is on the same day as the Cloud Park public input session. She proposes the meeting take place at the senior center to allow the community to meet their board members and create a more interactive session. The board then approved this change. Andy confirmed his involvement for the pollinator day.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

a. February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved

IX. Upcoming Meetings

a. April 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm located at the Senior Center.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:16 pm.

Chair Signature:



Date: 5/22/25

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Staff Liaison:

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Date:

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