

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 in room 302 of the Troy Community Center.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Brian Goul, Kelly Martin, John Shepherd, Nikki McEachern, Dennis Trantham, Vinodh Mudaliar, Timothy Fulcher, Jasper Gill

Absent: Casey Coloussi, Aanya Shah

Visitors: Chris Smith, Jessica Smith

Public Comments: Introduction of visitors

Chris and Jessica Smith – Are observing the Parks and Recreation Board for Jessica's high school government class.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # PR - 2024 - 04 – 002

RESOLVED, that the minutes of February 8, 2024 are approved.

Moved by Mike Brady

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business – None

New Business:

2023-2024 Budget

- Budget was presented to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Recommended to City Council with no changes.

Moved by Kelly Martin

Seconded by Pam Brady

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Member Comments – None

Staff Reports:

Brian Goul

- Introduced Ihab Jamaah and Owen Gafa as our two new full-time pool managers.
- Ihab stated he has been working for the city for 9 years and moved his way up through the rankings to his current position as pool manager.
- Owen has been working for the department for about 2 months now. Started aquatics management about 6 years ago. Came to the City of Troy after running the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort waterpark in Mt. Pleasant.
- Brian shared the new 2024 Troy Recreation summer guide and Troy Family Aquatic Center 2024 season information flyer with the board.
- Brian, Dennis and Morgan attended the World Water Park Symposium and will be implementing some changes at TFAC that they learned there.
- Changes will include a different way of entering the park, changing of hours, focusing on having a park theme, changes to concession and possibly adding some more cabanas to the park.
- Gave an update on sports programs: Troy Baseball Booster's is offering girls' softball this year, hasn't been offered since before COVID, there are 45 adult softball teams registered this year, which is 9 more than last year.
- Gave an update on senior programs: 168 people attended our dueling pianos concert last week, 204 people attended the Blackthorn concert last month, and 2 upcoming senior trips have been sold out already.
- Staffing levels are doing well for seasonal employees.

Dennis Trantham

- Raintree Parks' play structure has been partially installed. Waiting on additional parts to complete.
- Firefighters Park will be getting a new play structure installed this summer.
- 2 New Pavilions will be getting installed this summer. One at the Dog Park and one at Jaycee Park. These Pavilions will be non-rentable, and will provide a rest area for patrons at those parks.
- Sylvan Glen Lake Park phase 2 grant is currently in the design stage. Also working on a noise and soil study which is required by the federal government for the grant.
- Flynn Park had 4 new scoreboards installed.
- The new Cricket Field at Boulan Park is in the design stage. Hoping to get the bid out this July or August and have the field completed in the spring/summer of 2025.
- Stated there is not a lot of money in the budget for capital improvements. A total of 19.6 million dollars is available with 15 million of that going into roads, sidewalks and drains.


- Looking into adding picnic tables, benches, and bike racks in lots of the parks with the little capital money left over.
- The pavilion and ice rink are set to be completed May 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm.



Mike Brady, Chairperson



Corey Clark, Recording Secretary