

A meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 in room 303 of the Troy Community Center.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Absent: Aanya Shah

Visitors: Kurt Bovensiep, Lyndsey Ramsay, Morgan Thrasher, Meghan Veiga

Public Comments:None

Approval of Minutes:

Resolution # PR - 2023 - 12 – 003

Moved by Mike Brady

Seconded by Pam Brady

RESOLVED, that the minutes of April 27, 2023 are approved.

Yes: 8

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business: None

New Business:

Troy Community Foundation Donation - \$100,000 Donation for Performing Arts Stage

Kurt Bovensiep:

- Introduced himself. Kurt is the City of Troy Department of Public Works Director and City Liaison for Troy Family Days.
- Stated the Troy Community Foundation organizes Troy Family Days which is their biggest fundraising event held annually. Troy Family Days has been very successful and the Foundation has decided to donate a \$100,000 for a Performing Arts Stage in Jeanne M Stine Community Park to accompany the pavilion and skating rink.
- Stated that once the design was completed the total cost of the performing arts stage will be \$350,000.
- Stated that when donations are being offered to already existing parks to add new amenities, the parks and recreation board has the right to recommend naming of these new amenities to city council.
- State the Troy Community Foundation is asking in recognition of the donation that the performing arts stage be named the Troy Community Fund Performing Arts Stage.

- Stated he is here tonight looking for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to pass a resolution to be presented to city council in regards to the naming of the new performing arts shell.
- Tim Fulcher inquired about the timeline for this project.
- Kurt Bovenseiop stated he hopes to transition from the completion of the ice rink right into the performing arts stage. Plan is to start building in the summer of 2024 and have the project completed by fall of 2024.

Resolution # PR - 2023 - 12 – 004

Moved by Mike Brady

Seconded by Tim Fulcher

RESOLVED, that the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has reviewed the proposed donation of \$100,000 from the Troy Community Foundation for the addition of a performing arts stage in the Jeanne M. Stine Community Park and in recognition of its donation recommends the Troy City Council approve naming the new amenity the "Troy Community Foundation Performing Arts Stage".

Yes: 8

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Election of Officers

Mike Brady nominated himself to retain the position of President.
Tim Fulcher seconded.

Casey Colussi nominated Kelly Martin for Vice Chair.

Resolution # PR - 2023 - 12 – 005

Moved by Casey Colussi

Seconded by John Shepard

RESOLVED, that Mike Brady has been elected President of the Parks and Recreation Board, and Kelly Martin has been elected Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Yes: 8

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

2024 Meeting Dates – February 15, April 25, September 19, December 5

Casey Colussi and Tim Fulcher both have conflicts on February 15. Brian Goul proposed February 8 as an alternative date.

Resolution # PR - 2023 - 12 – 006

Moved by Kelly Martin

Seconded by John Shepard

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Parks and Recreation Board meetings will be held on:

February 8, 2024

April 25, 2024

September 19, 2024

December 5, 2024

Yes: 8

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Member Comments:

- Jasper Gill inquired about the Landscaping project happening on Big Beaver Rd.
- Kurt Bovensiep stated bids went out in early spring and came in way more than they had budgeted. Resulting in them reengaging with a consultant and the project going back out to bid. We'll bid it in the fall with a spring of 2024 start, we did receive five bids and we're going to be interviewing three of those contractors out of the five and then we'll make a decision after that. Interviews will actually be in two weeks and then that will go to the DEA for possibly approval in January.
- Vinodh Mudalair inquired about the status of TYSL asking for the fields at Firefighters Park to be resurfaced.
- Kurt Bovensiep stated there was a request and an opportunity to potentially crowdfund if you will, for synthetic fields at Firefighters Park and that the cost wasn't attainable. Kurt Bovensiep referred to Dennis Tranthum to comment on what maintenance he's done to improve those fields.
- Dennis Tranthum stated his team has continued to top dress the fractured areas to improve the drainage on them.
- Vinodh Mudalair stated that Troy Athens Highschool won the soccer state title and thinks we should prioritize the infrastructure of the fields.
- Dennis Tranthum stated the hard thing is unfortunately all those requests have to compete against everything else in the capital budget. We don't have a separate fund for improving the parks or the fields. Funding's not there right now maybe one day, but it's not there right now. It'd be well over a million dollars.
- Jasper Gill inquired about the farmer's market only being open on Fridays and not on the weekends.
- Kurt Bovensiep stated that the original intent with the farmer's market was not to compete with any other farmer's market in the area.
- Jasper Gill inquired about the Troy Farmhouse and the plans for that facility.
- Kurt Bovensiep stated they recently took to council to do some remediation in the old farmhouse and the old garage and we've had a lot of discussions on what to do with those structures. Those structures are to a point where it would take a lot of money to bring up to code. Therefore, they will be tearing it down.

- Dennis Trantham added that the large barn and the horse barn will be staying on the farm property. Also added that the large barn got a new roof on it 5 to 6 years ago and also has some money in the budget to do some painting on the property.
- Kelly Martin inquired about getting a millage for parks and recreation to use to upgrade our fields and facilities.
- Dennis Trantham stated that would be a question for your elected officials.
- Kelly Martin Inquired about the status of the Troy Family Aquatic Center and its future.
- Brian Goul stated anything can happen. As of right we plan on running it this year as normal. Also added that Dennis Trantham, Morgan Thrasher and Himself went to a National Aquatics Conference to study and learn about possibilities for its future.
- Dennis Trantham stated that a lot of maintenance have been done on it. Recently, new Pumps have been put in and slides have been painted. Will be replacing pool filters next year.
- Casey Colussi inquired about dangerous field conditions at the baseball diamonds in Flynn Park.
- Dennis Trantham and Kurt Bovensiep stated they have 100 tons of material each year to improve conditions. Stated that Flynn park has it challenges with being built on an old landfill.
- Pam Brady inquired about early voting and the election at the community center and how that has effect both the parks and recreation departments.
- Brian Goul stated it effects the room availability for us to hold programs at and availability to rent the rooms to generate money for the department.
- Kurt Bovensiep and Dennis Trantham stated it effects the availability of their staff to work on other projects because they are busy helping set up the election.
- Nikki McEachern gave an example of how we use to have our fitness classes in a variety of rooms throughout the building. Now with the election taking place in the rooms we are focusing all of our fitness upstairs in the studios. This has been giving off the impression we are cutting programs to our patrons, which is not the case.

Staff Reports:

Brian Goul

- Introduced the following staff members to the board: Morgan Thrasher – Recreation Supervisor of Aquatics, Lyndsey Ramsay – Recreation Supervisor of Seniors, and Meghan Veiga – Recreation Supervisor of Sports & Adaptive.
- Stated the rec departments biggest complaints have been about not having enough pickleball courts.
- Stated that some other complaints are the public wanting instant result when asking for things. Wants them to understand it can take six to eight months for us to really start projects/programs because we plan so far ahead. Added that we have been communicating that with the public and they seem to be happier.

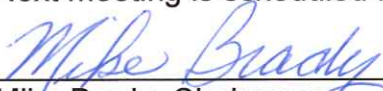
- Hopeful that the ice rink will be completed by our next park board meeting in February.
- Updated the board on the status of the senior grant to update the dining hall in the community center. Received the money in September and Dennis and Brian have started working on the plans for that room. Biggest Challenge will be working through the room improvements with the election being held at the community center.
- Stated that there is a plan to have a cricket field put in at Boulan Park. With the addition of the cricket field we will be losing one of our rentable shelter at Boulan Park.
- Stated the rec department is currently planning for spring and summer at the moment.

Dennis Trantham


- Stated the inclusive park is now officially dead. Has been working with the federal government on funding & sounds studies for the park and realized with all the requirements the park is not feasible. Decided to redirect the funds for an ADA project for the city council chambers.
- Gave an update on play structure projects within the parks. Stated Flynn and Beach Parks play structures have been completed this year. Currently working on completing Firefighters & Raintree Parks play structures.
- Stated they have replaced the scoreboards at Flynn Park this year. Still waiting to finish the last one due to ground conditions, will be completed by the time baseball and softball season starts.
- Stated we now have a total of 5 park bathrooms that will be opened and heated throughout the winter. The park bathrooms will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm and controlled by electric timed locks. These parks include the following: Brinston, Raintree, Firefighters, Jaycee, and the Dog Park.
- Stated the Newly developed Sylvan Glenn Lake Park will also have heated bathrooms and timed locks when completed.
- Stated two new pavilions will be going up this year. One will be going in the small dog area at the Dog Park and the other one at Jaycee Park next to the play structure.
- Stated they were awarded a grant for a new cricket field. Cricket field will be constructed in the NW corner of Boulan Park. Construction is scheduled for summer of 2024 and hoping to be completed in early 2025. Once completed it will be one of five certified cricket fields in the country and will be able to host international games. Also added board member Vinodh Mudaliar has been instrumental in helping with the project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm.



Mike Brady, Chairperson



Corey Clark, Recording Secretary