

Public Service and Administration Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2016, 4:00pm

Parks & Recreation Department
1507 East Main Street
Lancaster, Ohio

Members Present: R. Groff (Chairman), T. Stoughton, J. Hale
Others Present: Superintendent Parks & Recreation M. Tharp, Mayor B. Kuhn,
Service Safety Director P. Martin

Administration Items

- a. New part-time person will start in the parks office April, 4th 2016, Amber Thimmes, replaces Stephanie Tharp

Budget / Funding

- a. Parks and Recreation (as of 3/01/2016, unencumbered)
 - i. Current Fund Balance \$ 426,244.71
- b. Tree Commission (as of 3/01/2016)
 - i. Balance for Trimming, Removal and Replacement \$ 72,954.00
 - ii. Balance for Ash Tree Removal & Replacement \$ 10,000.00

Programs

- a. Olivedale
 - i. Annual Membership Meeting, Registration 9:30/10:30, March 30th
 - ii. Waffle Breakfast Thursdays, 8 to 10 am, (ongoing event)
 - iii. Vascular screening April, 28th 11 / 2 – cost \$20.00 by apt. only
 - iv. Volunteers Lunch, April 29th, 10:30 am, Hollywood Red Carpet Theme
 - v. Arbor Day Tree Planting, April 29th, 2:00 pm at Olivedale

Special Events

- a. Spring Break Camp at Alley Park, March 24/25 and 28/29, Rock and Roll w/Nature Nerds
- b. Goslin Nature Center Opens, April 3rd – October, 1: 00 to 4:00 pm
- c. Alley Park – Saturday in the park program continues
- d. Youth soccer program is underway
- e. Men's and mixed adult softball leagues about to start, registration deadline April 8th
- f. Before we meet again we will have opened Miller and Tiki Swimming Pools

Tree Commission

- a. Inspections, Pruning, and Hazard Removals
 - i. Ash tree removal – 10 (see attached)
 - ii. Other Tree removal – 6 (see Attached)
 - iii. Re-plant 14 trees at River Valley Highlands – (see attached)
 - iv. Plant 11 trees at River Valley Highlands – (see attached)
 - v. Downtown tree wells – plant 3 Service Berry – (see attached)
Plant 3 Honey Locust – (see attached)
Move 2 Honey Locust – (see attached)
- b. We will be accepting our 35th year in a row Tree City USA Award, April 21st
- c. The Arbor Day Celebration at Olivedale will commemorate the past six park superintendents in the past 107 years with a tree and a plaque
- d. Ongoing issue with city sidewalks and city trees
 - i. Damage to sidewalk and sidewalk safety
 - ii. Removal of trees and the damage to our urban forest and canopy
 - iii. Rerouting of sidewalk to save the tree and other methods
- e. Our tree loss vs our tree planting
- f. Update of Tree Commission site, information and permits

Facilities/Projects

- a. Repair and gel-coat of Tiki slide \$45,000.00 (April)
- b. Entered into an agreement with Meals on Wheels for expansion of the Olivedale building, this pending funding approval (Park Board)
- c. Purchased new auto-scrubber for Olivedale, purchase by Olivedale Board \$ 3,200.00 (complete)
- d. Resurface of Olivedale pool floor, by Olivedale Board \$ 4,000.00 (complete)
- e. Replaced small condensing unit at Olivedale, \$ 4,300.00 complete (LPRD)
- f. Dectron unit, swimming pool area heating, getting quotes, 40 / 60 thousand, Olivedale Board will help in some manner
- g. Large meeting room unit, (20 ton unit) operating at 10 tons and could go anytime, getting quotes (30-40K \$)
- h. Soundproofing downstairs Olivedale, \$ 3,500.00 complete (LPRD)
- i. Resurface of Rising Park tennis courts \$ 30,000.00
- j. Disc golf course at Alley Park underway, Lancaster Disc Golf Association (10K)
- k. New water line from the lodge to the front of Alley Park to accommodate restroom renovations, water taps throughout and water fountain
- l. Painting of the fountain in Fountain Square, quotes and time frame coming
- m. Dam modifications to Lake Loretta at Alley Park, ongoing over the next few years
- n. Replacing flashing lights on bike path /road intersection, joint venture with LDOT, LPRD, City of Lancaster and possibly Friends of Parks.

Other

- a. Park levy
 - i. Renewal vs permanent
 - ii. Present .15 vs increase
 - iii. 5 year vs 10 year
 - iv. Maintain present or grow
- b. I.J. Collins Park (Ety Road), baseball, softball, soccer, football (undeveloped)
- c. Wacker Park (Sheridan Drive), walking/hiking trails, fishing and other activities (undeveloped)
- d. Miller Pool and the loss of revenue vs water/sprinkle park
- e. Tiki Pool, showing signs of age

Discussed options and financing:

- possibility of closing Miller Pool permanently based on low usage and cost of maintenance

Replacing Miller Pool with a water park, M. Tharp to update cost analysis

Relocate Miller Park ball diamonds, football/soccer fields to I.J. Collins Park (review timing and cost based on Ety Road improvements - bridge and road widening)

Review levy options once we have updated cost analysis for the above

Discussed future development along Ety Road and possible availability of funds from developers for public sites and open spaces

Meeting adjourned 6:15

Next meeting June 23, 2016, 4:00pm @ Lancaster Parks & Recreation Office

Randy

See Attachments Below

Attachment 1

Mid Ohio Tree Service

197 Lake Street 24" Ash - in tree lawn area in front of house

237 Lake Street 12" Ash - in tree lawn area in front of house

750 High Street 15" Ash – in tree lawn on south east side of intersection of High and Lake

750 High Street 12" Ash – in tree lawn on south east side of intersection of High and Lake

800 High Street 12" Ash – in tree lawn on north east side of intersection of High and Lake

117 Marks Ave 36" Silver Maple – in front of house

ALL TREES LISTED ABOVE ARE FOR REMOVAL OF TREE, GRINDING OF STUMP AND CLEAN UP.

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Attachment 2

Kirkbride Lawn Care

732 Madison Ave 18" Ash – 2 trees in tree lawn area in front of house

1420 Graf St. 36" Ash – in front yard close to street

601 N. Maple St. 12" Ash – N W corner of 6th and Maple in front of house

154 Peters Ash – Front yard close to street

946 Fay Ave 24" Ash – Front yard, Fay and Smithfield

713 Medill 36" Elm – south or lower side of driveway, we will deadwood, prune and

1935 Smith Ave 18" ??? – Dead tree next to driveway

207 East Wheeling St. Tree lawn area

2020 Turner Dr. Tree on west side of driveway

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110 Chippewa Tree east side of driveway

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Attachment 3

American Arborist Tree Care

Trees to be re-planted:

1420 Graf St. 36" Ash – in front yard close to street

1615

154 Peters Ash – Front yard close to street

1624

713 Medill 36" Elm – south or lower side of driveway, we will deadwood, prune and maintenance this tree (do not remove)

207 East Wheeling St. Tree lawn area

1763

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Attachment 4

Kirkbride Lawn Care

Trees to be re-planted:

Tecumseh Dr. 1609

New tree location 1615

1150 G Tree located across street from 1609 and 1615, north side of street

1661 T 1624

1658 T 1648

1707 T 1694

1722 T 1738

1772 T 1763

Green Meadow Ave: 1185 Early Spring Dr.

West side of intersection 1185 of Early Spring Drive and Wintercrest Way

2 trees on North 1215 of Wintercrest Way

East side of Aut 2 trees south side of street across from 1223

1150 tree is on side yard, Tecumseh Dr.

Downtown Area:

Location to be shown – move and re-plant 2 Honey locust trees

Plant 3 Honey locust trees in downtown tree wells

Plant 3 Service Berry Trees in downtown tree wells

Attachment 5

New tree locations:

1150 Green Meadow in front of house

1661 Tecumseh

1688 Tecumseh

1707 Tecumseh

1722 Tecumseh

1772 Tecumseh

6. Across from 1662 Early Spring Dr.

West side of intersection of Early Spring Drive and Wintercrest Way

2 trees on North side of Wintercrest Way

East side of Autumn Drive between 1774 and 1788